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## Rick Huckabay era begins at Marshall



Staff photo by Steve Bostic

Above: Sam Winley, Sam Henry, Jeff Battle and Rod Nelson are convinced the Herd is on track for a big year under new coach Rick Huckabay. To find out just how big, and almost everything else about Marshall basketball, turn to pages 12 and 13 for a candid question-and-answer session.

At right: Gall Jackson and Lisa Pruner can remember being on the squad that lost 28 straight games. But as seniors and the only remaining members of that team, they think Coach Judy Southard has her Her...d geared for a winning season. See story page 8.

Staff photo by Joy Gilliam



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# Rick Huckabay

His players call him the greatest coach in the world

By Leskle Pinson  
Staff Writer

The honeymoon.

That's the period Marshall basketball is in right now. That time between the hiring of a new coach and what the public perceives as that coach's first mistake.

The players call him "the greatest coach in the world." The fans let their optimism run wild. The news media entitle everything the "first," as in first win, first loss, first home game and first technical foul.

The new coach, of course, is Rick Huckabay. When he came to Marshall March 18 he said he would work endlessly to promote Marshall basketball.

"I'll be easy to find next year, I'll always be over in the gym," he said.



Courtesy of Marshall University

**Rick Huckabay has always said basketball is 75 percent mental and has a hard time tolerating mental mistakes.**

But no one dreamed he meant he would be in the gym while most people were still dreaming in bed. But that was the case as Huckabay instituted 6 a.m. workouts for the first two weeks of practice. That to go along with the regular 2 p.m. drills.

All the time he and his coaching staff were on the recruiting trail. They were seeking "early" signings from high school seniors that would come to Marshall in the fall of 1984. Those labors proved fruitful as four players have committed to the Herd.

The flurry of activity that Huckabay has kept is not a surprise to those who know him. His wife, Kaye, said he attacks every deed in this fashion.

"He has always been like this," she said. "Even when he sold insurance for six months back in 1974 he gave it all he had."

This can sometimes lead to long hours away from home, something that Huckabay has always said his wife is understanding about.

"We have talked about the time that he has to spend with his job and I try to be understanding," she said. "When he was having the two-a-day practices he would leave the house at 5 a.m. and a lot of times not get back until 10:30 or 11 p.m."

"He really has a sincere concern for the players; he wants everything to be just right for them," she said. "Like for Thanksgiving he is going to have all the players over to the house and I am going to cook dinner for all of them."

Thanksgiving dinner for the whole team?

"Oh yeah, I'm looking forward to doing it," she said. "I want to be a part of the program, just as I think any wife would."

Huckabay's first assistant coach at Marshall was Johnny Lyles, a former player from Huckabay's days at Rapides High School.

"The thing that stands out in my mind the most was in 1973 when I was a senior and we were playing in the State Championship game," Lyles said. "I looked up in the stands and saw those 11,000 people but I felt really comfortable because I felt totally prepared. I knew I was prepared for whatever situation would arise."

"I don't think Huckabay's coaching style has changed much since then," Lyles said. "He still asks for a total commitment from the players and from that commitment the players reap the benefits."

*"When I played for Coach Huckabay everything we did centered around basketball. There was a total commitment by the entire team. He demanded that commitment. In the end we all reaped the benefits."*

John Lyles, Marshall assistant coach



Courtesy of Marshall University

**Rick Huckabay's second home is Henderson Center. It kept him away from his first home during two-a-day practices sometimes from 5 a.m. until 10:30 p.m., his wife Kaye, who makes many sacrifices as a coach's wife, said.**

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# Judy Southard reaching goals with Her...d

By Bill Dursteln  
Staff Writer

Judy Southard, head coach of the Her...d, gets a lot of personal satisfaction by taking over poor programs and making them successful in a matter of years.

Marshall's is Southard's second reclamation project since becoming a college coach and the third-year leader believes MU is on target for reaching her goals.

"I had a four-year goal of making this program a winner," Southard said. "I want to be .500 this year and win a lot next year, which will be my fourth."

Southard came to Marshall from the University of Tennessee at Martin. As the head coach there she compiled a 27-51 record while playing a number of national powerhouses.

"When I got to UT-Martin the program was very poor," she said. "The administration was very supportive of me and I received the necessary funding from them."

Administrative support and proper funds led Southard to Marshall.

"I liked the commitment MU made," Southard said. "I also knew of the new Henderson Center, the size of the school and the fact that this state has only two major universities."

Southard, a native of Columbia, S.C., inherited a team that had a 1-28 record in 1980-81. Only two players remain from that team while Southard divides the rest into recruiting classes.

"Gail Jackson and Lisa Pruner were here before me," Southard said. "Both girls are very important to us and I am very glad to have them."

Jackson and Pruner both are seniors, centers and roommates.

"Gail plays well and provides a good back-up and Lisa is our captain and must play well for us," Southard said.

The first recruiting class helped in rebuilding a team that five years ago went to the national regionals of the AIAW championships.

"We had four fine players and that really got things off the ground for us," Southard, a 1970 graduate of Coker College, said. "Barb McConnell transferred with me from UT-Martin and the others we luckily got out of high school."

McConnell is one of two assistants on Southard's staff this year and the first full-time assistant. Julie Davis is the graduate assistant to Southard.

Three juniors comprise the rest of the first recruiting class. They are Carrie Gibson, Kim Mudge and Kelli Cromer.

"We got Kim at an audition her senior year and she has helped us with her good shooting and experience off the bench," Southard said of the 5-foot-6 guard from Mansfield, Pa.

Gibson, a 5-9 forward from Paducah, Ky., was originally recruited by Southard at UT-Martin.

"When I handed in my resignation they told me that Carrie was no longer being recruited," Southard said. "She came to Marshall and has pretty much started since then."

The "most dedicated player" award has twice gone to Kelli Cromer who is the hardest working player on the team, Southard said.

"What Kelli lacks in natural ability is made up by her large heart and hustle," Southard said.

The Her...d finished Southard's inaugural year at 8-16. That record helped MU recruit five talented women for last year's team, Southard said.

The two crucial players that Southard got were Karla May and Karen Pelphrey.



Photo by Rick Haye

Judy Southard, entering her third year as coach of Marshall's women's team, has compiled a record of 18-35. This season Southard said the Her...d should finish with

at least a .500 record and next season reach her four-year goal of having a winning record. Southard inherited a 1-28 team three years ago.

thard got were Karla May and Karen Pelphrey.

"Karla gave us leadership at point guard last year and she was just a freshman," Southard said. "Karen was the third leading scorer in the nation among freshmen and was in the top 50 overall."

Tywanda Abercrombie and the VanLiew sisters, Jackie and Debbie round out the rest of this year's sophomore class.

"Ty is our best leaper and will play a lot this year," the 34-year-old Southard said. "Debbie VanLiew must have practiced hard over the summer because she has improved."

Jackie VanLiew is no longer a member of the Her...d, although she played during the 10-19 season last year.

This year Southard has brought five more new faces to Marshall, including Tami Wiggins who was one of the top three players in the state, while playing for Dunbar high school.

"Tami was recruited by WVU and us, but we got her," Southard said. "It was a real war for the best players in the state."

Another difficult schedule awaits the Her...d this year.

"I think South Carolina and WVU will be our toughest opponents this year," she said. "I think that an even record is very possible and I think we will finish strong."

MU ends the regular season with Southern Conference games and then plays in the conference tournament.

Last year the Her...d placed second in the tournament but is picked fourth by a women's basketball publication, Southard said.

"I think UT-Chattanooga will be good and East Tennessee looks tough," she said. "We should be up farther than fourth because we have everyone back."



Sophomore Tywanda Abercrombie (No. 41) is described by Judy Southard as the Her...d's best leaper and "will play a lot this year." Abercrombie averaged 4.7 points last season.



Dickerson, Bell and Lyles ready for challenge

# Huck's assistants young, but experienced

By Kennie Bass  
Staff Writer

Rick Huckabay's three assistant basketball coaches are a mixed bag.

Henry Dickerson played professionally with the Carolina Cougars, Detroit Pistons and the Atlanta Hawks of the American and National Basketball Associations.

Dan Bell has also played basketball in his career, including a stint with the christian touring team, Athletes In Action. Bell has also been a successful coach. Under his direction, Walker Junior College went 29-4 last season and finished fourth in the nation. Three players from Walker, Bruce Morris, Robert Eppes and Sam Ervin, are members of this season's Thundering Herd.

Johnny Lyles, Huckabay's third assistant, coached high school basketball in Louisiana before accepting his first college job at Marshall.

Dickerson, unlike Lyles, is familiar with the game of college coaching, having served a five-year stint at the University of Charleston beginning in 1979.

"It's a great chance for me," he said. "I could have waited around for the possibility of the West Virginia State head coaching job but I thought being here could prepare me for an eventual head coaching job in Division I basketball."

Dickerson said he enjoys his working relationship with Huckabay.

"He's definitely a hard worker, and he's a man of his word. His heart gets involved in his team. He's a very car-

ing person and a good man to work for."

Bell described his background as a "boring story." Besides coaching at Walker Junior College, he has also worked at Nicholls State and Northwestern Louisiana.

"The only reason I'm here at Marshall is Rick Huckabay," Bell said. "If it was good enough for him, it was good enough for me."

"I can't see anything but good things for us. In a very short time we should be an NCAA or NIT team every year."

Lyles, like Bell, explained that Huckabay is the main reason he decided to come to Huntington.

"We go back a long way together," he said. "He coached me four years in high school. I worked closely with him in Louisiana. Basketball-wise, we believe in a lot of the same things."

Lyles said he didn't know what to expect before he came to West Virginia.

"I really like it here. The best thing about this area is that the community is totally involved with the team, nobody is split. Everyone is interested in Thundering Herd basketball."

Dickerson said the most important task ahead of him and his fellow coaches is getting Marshall's name out.

"We've got to make people know about Marshall University," he said. "The future of the team depends on what kind of job we can do recruiting. We're going after the same people as Louisville, Kentucky, Tennessee and other big schools. It's important that people know who we are so we can get some of the good basketball players we want."

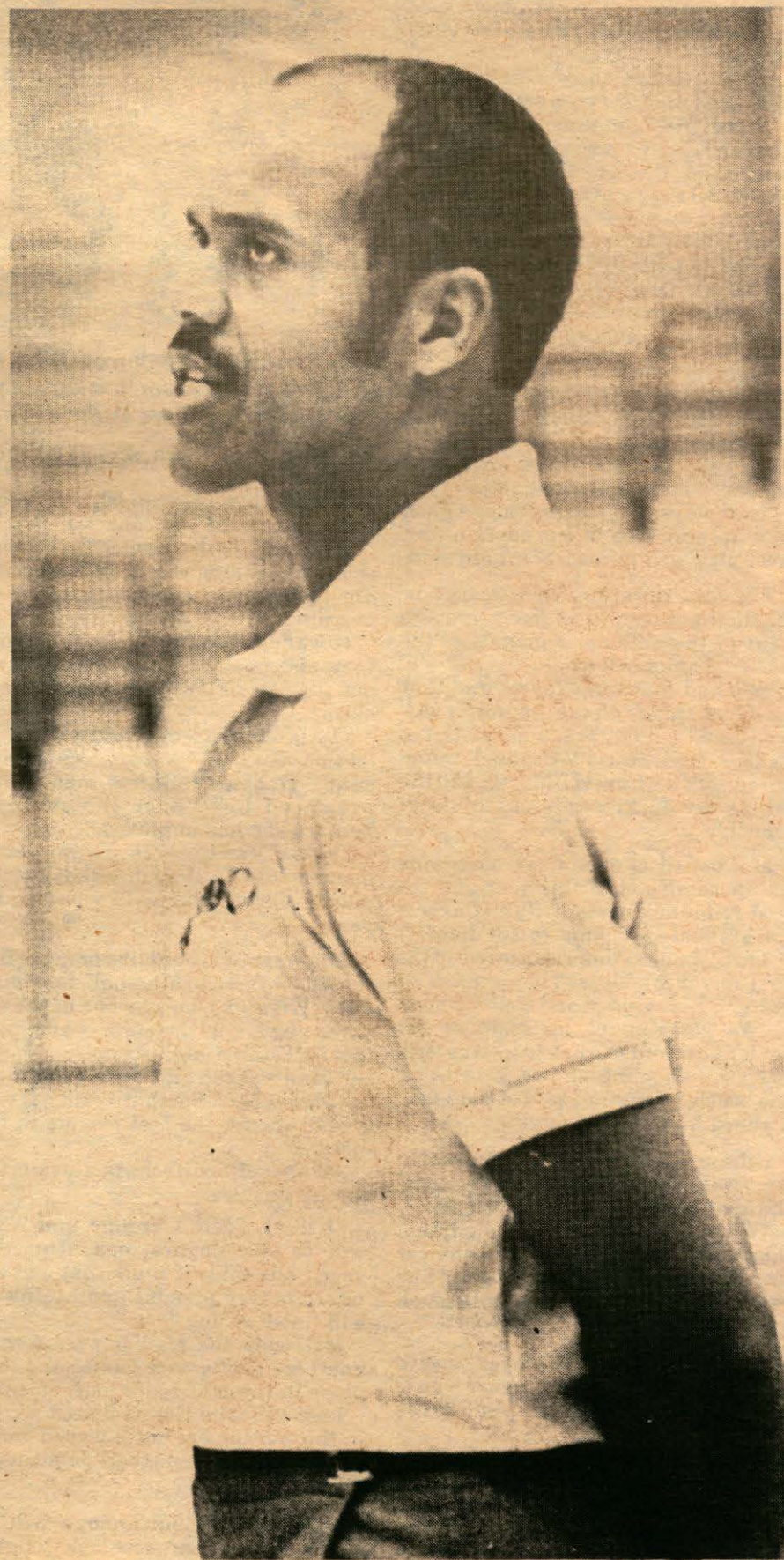
As a part-time assistant coach John Lyles is restricted from personal off-campus recruiting contacts, but that didn't keep him from heavily recruiting several players. Among the players Lyles stayed on the trail of were Rodney Holden and Martin Smith, both of whom have signed to play for the Herd. Lyle formerly played for Coach Huckabay in high school and was the first assistant Huckabay hired when he came to Marshall.



Photo by Teia K. Hoover



The Shot Doctor, Dan Bell, former head coach at Walker Junior College, shows Sam Winley defensive position



Courtesy of Marshall University

Coach Henry Dickerson, a former assistant at the University of Charleston, looks to put Marshall on the basketball map.



## 1983-84 Schedules

## Men's

Nov. 21	YUGASLOVIAN NAT'L TITLE	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	at Eastern Michigan	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	WEST VIRGINIA UNIV.	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 9-10	MU MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL	TBA
	Marshall	
	Texas Christian	
	Idaho State	
	New Hampshire	
Dec. 13	OHIO WESLEYAN	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Morehead State	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	CINCINNATI	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Rebel Classic (Georgetown)	
Dec. 30	at Rebel Classic (Clemson)	
Jan. 3	CHARLESTON	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Furman	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	at The Citadel	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	V.M.I.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	UT-CHATTANOOGA	4:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	FURMAN	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	EAST TENN. STATE	7:30 p.m.

Jan. 23	at Appalachian State	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	WESTERN CAROLINA	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	MARQUETTE	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	at UT-Chattanooga	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	at East Tennessee State	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	DAVIDSON	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	APPALACHIAN STATE	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at V.M.I.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	THE CITADEL	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Western Carolina	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Davidson	7:30 p.m.
Marc. 2-4	Southern Conference Tournament	TBA

Dec. 10	NORTH CAROLINA A & T	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Morehead State University	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Virginia Tech.	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Radford University	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 5-7	at Central Florida Holiday Classic	TBA
Jan. 10	EAST TENN. STATE UNIV.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	APPALACHIAN STATE UNIV.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	UNIV. OF SOUTH CAROLINA	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Western Carolina Univ.	3:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Univ. Tennessee-Chattanooga	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	UNIV. OF CHARLESTON	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	WESTERN CAROLINA UNIV.	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	UNIV. TENN.-CHATTANOOGA	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at East Tennessee State Univ.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Appalachian State Univ.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17-18	at East Carolina Univ. Inv.	6 & 8 p.m.
Feb. 22	KENTUCKY STATE UNIV.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	First Round - Southern Conference	TBA
Feb. 28-29	Southern Conference Final Four	TBA

## Women's

Nov. 22	CONCORD COLLEGE	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 25-26	MU THANKSGIVING TOURN.	TBA
Nov. 29	WEST VIRGINIA TECH	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	WEST VIRGINIA UNIV.	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE	7:30 p.m.

## Men's

## 1982-83 Results

M 83	ST. FRANCIS	59
M 74	BROOKLYN	54
M 82	at WVU	95
M 74	BROWN	65
M 60	TEXAS A&M	(OT)58
M 72	at Marquette	79
M 81	at Cincinnati	(OT)88
M 113	CCNY	54
M 71	EASTERN MICHIGAN	68
M 83	CHARLESTON	50
M 95	VMI	64
M 65	STETSON	68
M 71	at The Citadel	70
M 70	at Furman	54
M 95	at Appalachian	76
M 73	UT-CHATTANOOGA	67
M 82	WESTERN CAROLINA	77
M 81	at Davidson	73
M 73	EAST TENNESSEE	75
M 71	at UT-Chattanooga	88
M 93	at Western Carolina	88
M 82	at East Tennessee	86
M 110	at VMI	91
M 69	THE CITADEL	61
M 83	APPALACHIAN	69
M 78	FURMAN	69
M 68	DAVIDSON	56
M 60	Furman	67

## Women's

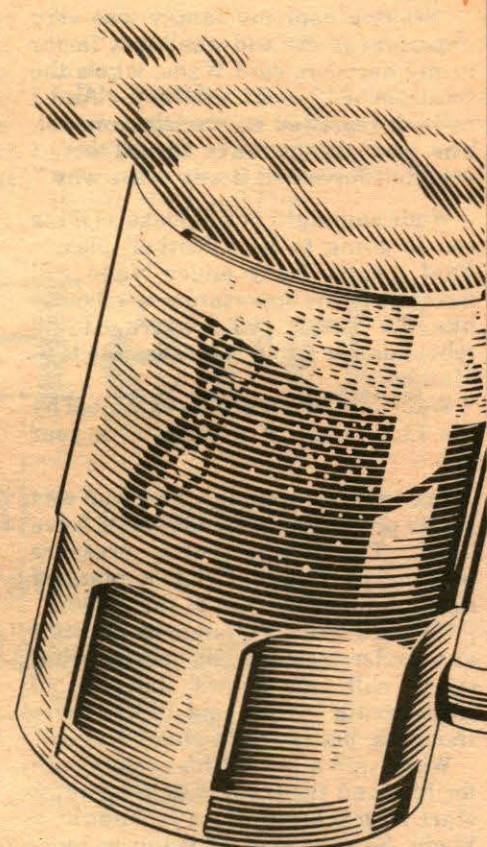
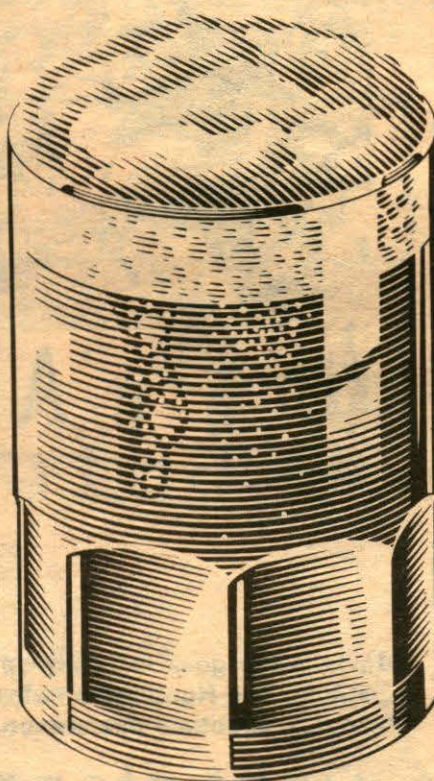
## 1982-83 Results

M 69	VIRGINIA TECH	73
M 52	at Louisville	80
M 58	at WVU	87
M 64	CHARLESTON	74
M 70	RADFORD	66
M 75	MILLIGAN	57
M 71	at Furman	(OT)62
M 62	at South Carolina	87
M 57	at Coastal Carolina	68
M 49	WVU	64
M 53	DAYTON	61
M 57	at Morehead	67
M 69	at Appalachian	71
M 65	at East Tennessee	78
M 81	WV WESLEYAN	61
M 55	WESTERN CAROLINA	78
M 72	at Charleston	78
M 59	KENTUCKY STATE	70
M 53	at UT-Chattanooga	65
M 61	at Western Carolina	77
M 65	MOREHEAD	55
M 75	W. VIRGINIA TECH	51
M 66	APPLACHIAN	65
M 65	EAST TENNESSEE	68
M 71	at Eastern Kentucky	88
M 83	UT-CHATTANOOGA	76
M 82	APPALACHIAN	76
M 66	EAST TENNESSEE	59
M 51	UT-CHATTANOOGA	69

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# NATIVE SONS:

## Wade chose basketball court over gridiron

By Tom Alulse  
Sports Editor

Judging from David Wade's frame and athletic ability, one would get the impression that he was probably a darn good football player in high school.

He was. In fact, the 6-foot-5, 212-pound native of Huntington drew the interest of the football coaches at Kent State, West Virginia University, Virginia Tech and Marshall, to name a few.

Luckily for Rick Huckabay, Wade decided he would rather not hide under a face mask his entire college career.

"I gave a lot of thought to playing football," Wade, who was a tight end and defensive back, said, "but I have always enjoyed basketball better."

And, basketball fans around the Huntington area have enjoyed seeing the former West Virginia all-stater perform in his hometown.

Home is one reason Wade, now a senior, chose to keep his talents in Huntington and turn down offers - this time in basketball - from WVU and Virginia Tech.

"Staying near my family was very important to me and was a key factor in my decision, said Wade, who's the father of a 13-month-old boy. "And I haven't regretted my decision one bit. The way things have turned out, I wouldn't have had it any other way."

Wade said right now it looks as if his son is going to be a football player. That means the younger Wade will never have the opportunity to rebound like his father, who averaged 7.0 rebounds per game last season to lead Marshall.

Wade also can score, as exhibited by his 11.2 per-game average of a year ago.

The 1982-83 campaign, however, was not as productive as Wade would have liked. There was extra pressure because of Bob Zuffelato's planned resignation at the end of the season.

"When there's a change in the staff any underclassman, no matter what sport, will run across thoughts of transferring," Wade said. "I had those thoughts, but now I'm glad I stayed."

Wade said a key to this season both for him and the team is to get a quick start. A slow beginning a year ago hurt Wade, he said, and added even more pressure.

"It was an up-hill drag the rest of the season," he said. "One of the things I'll shoot for this season is to get off to a quick start."

Wade, who was named to the SC's all-freshmen team three years ago, should easily reach the 1,000-point mark this winter. He has tallied 883 points at Marshall for a career average of 10.9 and has grabbed 511 rebounds for a 6.3 career mark. The bulky player, who was selected as one of the squad's tri-captains, has been a starter in all but five games during his term at Marshall.

Wade said this season may be his best yet and the best for Marshall. There's a new attitude among players, a bona fide schedule and a different sort of person running the show.

Rick Huckabay. "I'm very happy he's here," Wade said. "I'm totally satisfied. Coach Huckabay lives for Marshall. Everything he does, 99 percent of the time, is connected in some way with Marshall basketball. It's getting to the point where the players are like that now."

And what about a schedule that includes the likes of Marquette, Georgetown, Clemson and Cincinnati?

"Nothing is going to come easy, that's for sure, but we have a chance to win all those games," Wade said. "The key is to not go into the games just looking to stay close or not to be embarrassed. We have to go into the games with the intent to win."

"These types of games can really help the program in achieving more publicity and establishing a name for the school. Recruiting could also benefit."

Beat Georgetown? Beat all-American Patrick Ewing?

"He's human just all the rest of us," Wade said. "Of course, he's a good basketball player, but he alone can't control our basketball team. We have the type of players that play team ball, team offense and team defense. I'd rather play five against one any day."

Wade said he hopes he can remain in basketball following graduation and possibly play in the National Basketball Association or overseas.

"I'm still hoping and praying I'll get a shot in the NBA," he said. "I'd love to still be playing basketball two years from now."

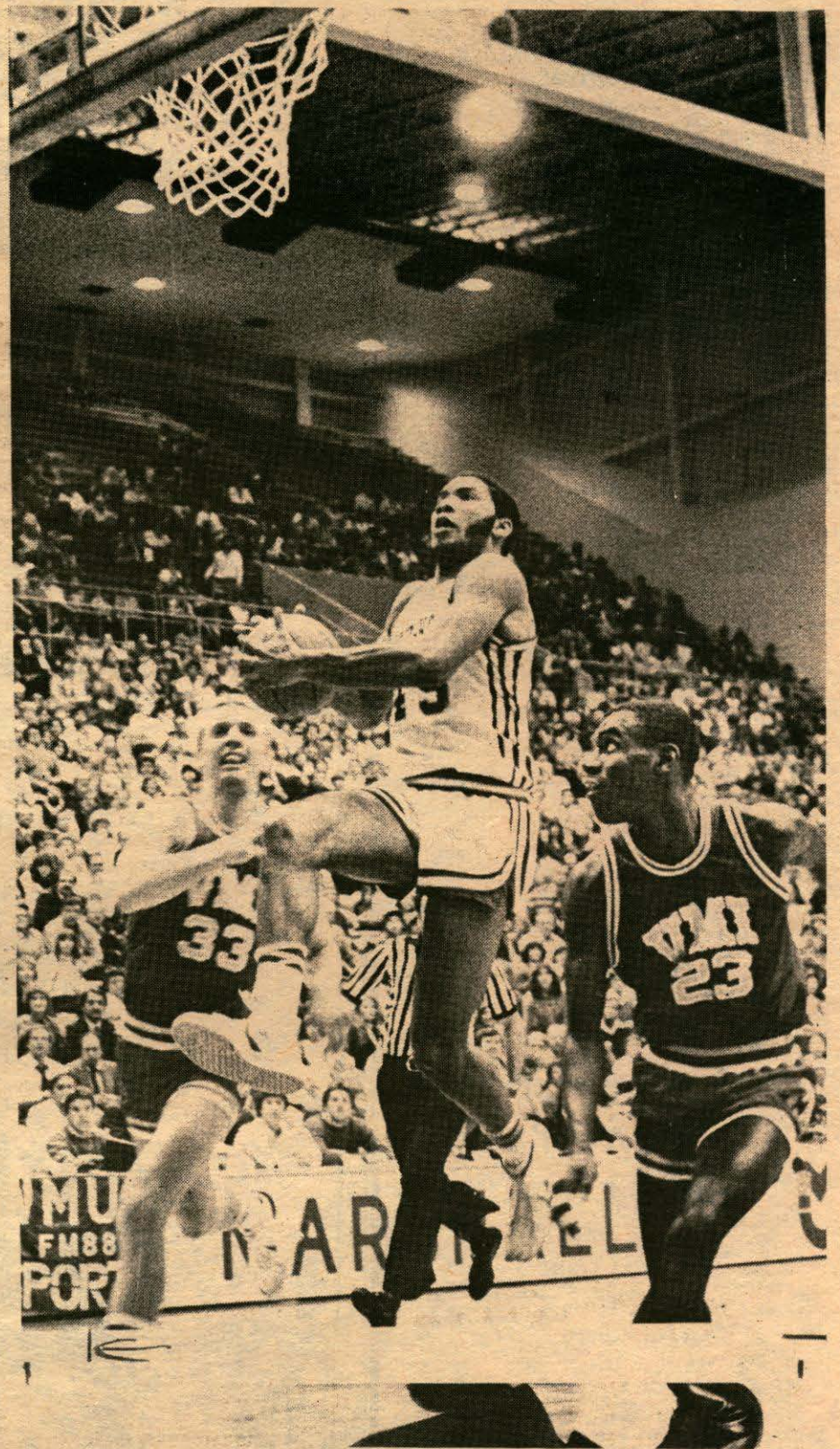


Photo by Rick Hays

David Wade goes for a lay-up in a 1982 game against Virginia Military Institute. The Huntington native is expected to score his 1,000th point for Marshall sometime this season.

## Not even snow nor dark of night stopped Amendola

By Tom Alulse  
Sports Editor

John Amendola has always loved to shoot the basketball.

As a youngster in Weirton, Amendola would spend hours outside his home letting basketballs fly from his fingertips toward a garage basket.

Winter, like anywhere else in northern West Virginia, would eventually come, but the chilly temperatures didn't keep Amendola in doors.

"I remember a couple of times it was snowing so I tried to shoot with gloves on," he said with a laugh. "It didn't work too well."

A spotlight took care of the problem of darkness and often only a call from mom would be Amendola's signal to call it quits.

The 6-foot-5 Amendola, who was raised on



Amendola

Mountaineer mania, is now a sophomore on Rick Huckabay's Thundering Herd, but times have changed since his days at Weir High School where he led the state in scoring his senior year with a 29.6 average.

Amendola, considered one of the Herd's best outside shooters, didn't play much last season and expects to be more of a role player this year as the coaches look to utilize his shooting touch.

"It's really hard keeping your head up when you don't get in the games, but Coach Huckabay said I'll get a little bit more playing time this year. I'll do whatever I can to contribute to the team and help it win. Hopefully I'll get more playing time in the future and eventually get a starting shot."

Amendola, who has grown an inch since last season, played in 10 games as a freshman, averaging 2.2 points per game. A hair-line fracture in his leg forced him to miss five games.

His high-point total of the season came against

Virginia Military Institute when he poured in 12 points in a 95-64 victory over the Keydets.

Amendola said there is always room for improvement in his jump shot, and assistant coach Dan Bell, known as the Shot Doctor, found an area where Amendola needed some work.

"He helped me follow through a little better on my shot," Amendola said. "He really knows what he is talking about."

Amendola knows what he is talking about when the subject of WVU pops into a conversation. Half of his high school senior class went there.

"A lot of people are coming down for the WVU game this year," he said. "I know of at least 24 that are coming for sure. I'll probably get a lot of ribbing but that's OK, I kind of enjoy it."

"I had always dreamed of playing for the Mountaineers and in the Coliseum. Last year I got the chance, but I'd rather get out on the floor and play than just warm up."



# Leader

May wants to apply for important role

By Mark Ayersman  
Staff Writer

If the 1983-84 Marshall women's basketball team placed an advertisement in a newspaper for a leader to guide it to a winning record this season, Karla May, the Her...d's starting point guard last year, would apply for the position.

"I feel like I should be a leader for the team this season," May, a sophomore from Morehead, Ky., said.

"As a freshman, I felt no pressure going out on the court to play because I thought the pressure was on the upperclassmen to lead the team. However, since I am a sophomore this season, I feel a lot of pressure on my shoulders because I think I should be expected to do more."

Head basketball coach Judy Southard said the Her...d's point guard position couldn't be in better shape with May returning.

"What can I say about a girl who comes in as a freshman and sets three school records?" Southard said. "She is very competitive."

May had 215 assists and 91 steals last season, setting single season Her...d records in both categories. She also had 17 assists in a win over West Virginia Wesleyan Jan. 27, breaking the Her...d's single-game assist mark.

May averaged 7.4 assists a game last season and her 11.5 points per game scoring average made her Marshall's second leading scorer.

She started all 29 of the Her...d's games averaging 33.9 minutes of playing time a game.

May was selected Marshall's "most outstanding player" for her freshman-year performance and also made the Southern Conference Women's Basketball All-Tournament Team.

"Of course I'm striving for more this season but mainly I want to see us have a winning record real bad," May said. "We can tell by the way we are playing in practice that we are going to do well and have a good season."

"I think we can get off to a quick start because our schedule is a little easier at the beginning of this season. Everyone on the team has looked over our schedule and we are predicting we should win at least 18 games."

May thinks the Her...d is stronger this year and she is concerned about keeping her team leadership role at the point guard position.

"I would rather play point guard and take control of the ball myself than share time controlling the ball in a two-guard offense," May said. "At point guard I have no room for mistakes."

May came to Marshall because she felt she would get a lot of playing time and possibly start at guard her freshman year.

"As soon as I met Judy and her graduate assistant coach, Barbara McConnell, I was impressed with them and I decided to come to Marshall," May said.

May attended Morehead's Rowan County High where she participated in track, cross country, baseball and basketball. She was introduced to basketball by her three brothers, who all played varsity basketball in high school.

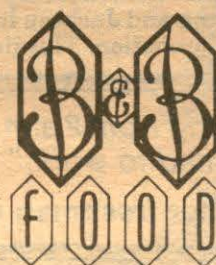
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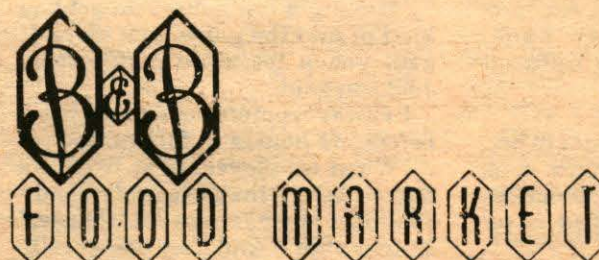


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Marshall point guard Karla May (No. 42), who stands 5-7, said she wants to become Marshall's leader this season. The native of Morehead, Ky., holds several assists records for the Her...d.



# Pruner, Jackson climbing to top with Her...d

By Leskie Pinson  
Staff Writer

At its lowest point the Marshall football team never lost more than 15 consecutive games. The Marshall women's basketball team once almost doubled that total by dropping 28 straight in one season.

That dubious feat was accomplished just two years ago during the final year of original head coach Donna Lawson's tenure. It was recent enough for two women on this year's team, Lisa Pruner and Gail Jackson, to recall with first-hand experience.

"It was the most awful feeling," Pruner said of the streak. "I don't think I could take it being an upperclassman."

Jackson said, "It was unbearable. I gave as much as I could. It wasn't as if we rolled over and gave it to them."

While nothing went well for the team during that season, one could not blame the happenings on a lack of effort.

"We tried everything," Pruner said. "We had everything from 2 a.m. practices to new slogans. We were the 'Gals with Guts' instead of the 'Gas with Guts,' but nothing seemed to help."

*"We tried everything. We had everything from 2 a.m. practices to new slogans but nothing seemed to work."*

**Lisa Pruner, remembering her freshman season.**

The road back started the next season when Judy Southard was brought in from Tennessee-Martin to be the head coach. The first obstacle for the returning players was a tryout in which no one was guaranteed a spot on the team.

"I was scared to death," Pruner said. "I didn't think I'd make it. We thought that she came from this big program and she was going to kick out all these girls that lost 28 games and bring in a whole fresh crew. We couldn't blame her if she did."

Jackson said practices were different under the new coach.

"Judy brought a lot out in me and proved that I could do some things that I didn't know I could," she said. "Under Lawson, in practice my shirt would be bone dry. Under Judy it's always soaking wet. She works us hard."

Both Pruner and Jackson made the team that went 8-16 in Southard's first season and the program was on the way back. Southard had instilled a different feeling on the squad.

"We had a lot of confidence in her; she worked us hard," Pruner said. "It was like a whole new program. She worked us like we had never been worked before."

But Pruner and Jackson realized a program can't be built overnight. The first year only one new player Barbara McConnell, who had come from UT-M with Southard, joined the team. The second year Southard had more time to recruit and brought in five freshmen, most of whom made a quick contribution.

The record went to 10-19. The team got hot at the end of the season, tripping up Appalachian State and East Tennessee State on the way to the Southern Conference finals. The season ended with a disappointing loss to heavily favored UT-Chattanooga. A pretty satisfying season, right?

"No, all last year we lost a lot of games we didn't think we should have," Pruner said. "We had a slump at midseason where we lost a lot of games we shouldn't have."

"It seemed like we peaked at the end of the season and no one wanted to quit, everyone wanted to keep playing. It finally seemed like everything clicked together after all that time. Hopefully, that will continue to this year."

Pruner and Jackson realize that basketball will probably end when they graduate from college therefore academics has played an important role along with athletics.

"It has to be," Pruner said. "Look at (Marshall punter) Pat Velarde. He doesn't have to worry as much about school because he is going to go into the pros. My scholarship is my reward."

Jackson hopes for a career in the FBI after school and would like to travel.

"I would like to travel to Europe," she said. "I've been over here for 21 years, I'd like to see the rest of the world."

Both players have grade point averages over 3.0, Pruner in accounting and Jackson in counseling and probation. This despite the

fact that studying sometimes has to take a backseat to practice.

"Sometimes when I need to be studying for a test I'll have to go over to Henderson for three hours," Pruner said.

The three hours the team spends in practice everyday is often more than most fans ever accumulate at all the games. The Henderson Center usually sits nearly empty when the Her...d plays, a fact that can be frustrating for the players.

"We work so hard and we kill ourselves so much and it sometimes seems like nobody appreciates us," Pruner said.

"But then when I sit and watch a men's basketball game it seems more exciting," she said. "They can do so many more things. Like dunking the ball and they use so much more of the court."

But both have occasionally played before a large crowd.

"Having a full house can get you kind of into the game a lot more. It gets you a lot more motivated," Jackson said.

Pruner remembered playing before big houses in Morgantown.

"When we played up at WVU we played before the guys and by half-time of our game it was a full house," Pruner said. "And they were really getting all excited and crazy. We were Marshall and they hated us."

"I can remember one time I was shooting a free throw and all of a sudden the crowd started standing, booing and throwing things. I wondered what was going on. What it was was our men's team had walked in and the crowd was getting on them. I didn't know what was going on."

Along with basketball and academics, Pruner has also been a member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority since she was a freshman.

"My sophomore year I lived in the sorority house," she said. "My first See Pruner/Jackson, Page 17"



Staff photo by Joy Gilliam

Gail Jackson and Lisa Pruner have seen the women's basketball team go from the Green Gals to the Thundering Her...d in their years at Marshall. The teams have compiled a 19-63 record over those years, but both women think third-year coach Judy Southard has the team set for a winning season this year.



# Former Mountaineer sees the light

What is it about the MU-WVU basketball game that gets the green blood boiling? Why is there such an uproar about the contest when the opposing coach says it's "...just another game." My assignment was to try and find some answers about why the rivalry is so intense, especially here in Huntington.

I think I'm qualified to write this. I'm currently a student here, but there was a time in years gone past when I was a (boo, hiss) Mountaineer. Yes, I once attended West Virginia, but I soon saw the light and came to join the Thundering Herd.

When I was there (WVU), we played them (MU) away, and they beat us. Then, when I came here (MU), we played them (WVU) away, and got beat again. I've never been at the school that's won the game. Hopefully, that will change this year.

But what is it about the game that makes it so special? Head basketball coach Rick Huckabay said the Mountaineer program is similar to Louisiana State University.

"WVU is the big school in the state with all of the money," he said. "The relationship between the two schools is similar to the LSU-Tulane rivalry. LSU beat Tulane 18 straight times in basketball, but when Tulane won number 19 nobody remembered the past.

"I don't know a great deal about the

rivalry, but I hope it's one where the fans come out to holler and scream for us, and not against them."

Huckabay said he hopes the game isn't marred by unruly fan conduct.

"I want people to scream, yell and be supportive of the team," he said. "But I want to stress to fans not to throw things onto the court, or blow whistles, or come onto the floor at any time during the game. I don't want those types of things to happen.

"If I could make every game like the WVU game I would, because of the

enthusiasm that surrounds it. For me, it's very important for us to win."

The game isn't important just to the coach, but to the players and fans as well. Senior center Mike Dobson and junior college transfer Bruce "Gus" Morris have different perspectives about the game, but both want the same goal: a victory.

"It's a big game, the two top universities in the state going at it," Dobson said. "We'll be playing in the Henderson Center, so we'll be trying to impress the home fans. Some people



**Kennie Bass**

may feel we let them down last year. We may owe them something."

"Beat WVU. That's really all I've heard about since I've been here,"

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## Down in Front!

**3,400 seats reserved in Henderson Center for students**

By Andy Moore  
Staff Writer

Approximately 3,400 seats have been set aside for students to view Marshall basketball games in Henderson Center this season.

The student sections are the same as last season, but 673 seats have been set aside for student season tickets. These season tickets allow students to purchase a seat and have that seat for the entire season. Student season ticket holders have seats in the top five rows of sections 102 and 103 and in the east end bleachers beside the pep band.

Student seating consists of sections 101, 102 and 103 to

the halfcourt line and sections 201, 202 and 203 to the halfcourt line. Though tickets will be required for admission, students may sit in any of the student sections (except those seats that are reserved for student season ticket holders).

Students will be able to pick up tickets for all games by presenting a valid ID and activity card on the dates of distribution. The only exception is for the Marshall Memorial Invitation, which will require a fee for admission.

Student tickets will be distributed as follows. Tickets for the WVU game can be picked-up Nov. 28 for students

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## Six seniors on squad

## Veterans lead rookie coach into season

By Leskie Pinson  
Staff Writer

Marshall leads West Virginia University by one point in the final seconds of overtime. But the Mountaineers have the ball and are looking for the last shot. Suddenly, freshman Sam Henry makes a steal and flips the ball to fellow freshman LaVerne Evans, who is fouled. Evans nails the free throws and Marshall defeats WVU, 76-73, for the first time ever.

With the score tied against Oklahoma State in the finals of the MMI, Marshall is looking for a last-second shot to win. David Wade, who just the night before had clipped Vermont on a slam dunk at the buzzer, takes a pass just beyond the foul line. The 6-foot-4

he spent much of his freshman year on the bench, but when he got in the game he impressed the Marshall faithful.

He started at point guard his sophomore and junior years under the one guard offense of Coach Bob Zuffelato. From that position he led the Southern Conference in assists both seasons and averaged 7.9 and 7.7 points a game.

Henry's most visible weakness last year was at the free throw line where he hit at only a .493 rate. However his free throw that bounced high above the rim and fell through the hoop against UT-Chattanooga was an important point in the 73-67 victory over the Mocs. Henry also led the team with 18 points in that game, one of four times he had or shared game honors.

returning rebounder. Wade sports a 10.9 points per game career average for the Herd to go with his 6.3 rebounds a game. He pulled down 15 rebounds against Western Carolina last year and had a career high 26 points against East Tennessee State as a sophomore.

Since coming to Marshall after one year at Fork Union Military Academy he has started all but five of 81 games. He needs only two assists to reach the 200 mark for his career and 117 points will put him at the 1,000 plateau.

Dobson came to Marshall last season from Mercer County Community College in New Jersey. He was the backup to Charles Jones last season and saw action in all 28 Marshall games. He had a high game of 17 rebounds in a 113-54 victory over CCNY.

Dobson, who often goes by the name "Dobber," was pressed into extra duty last year when Jones got into early foul trouble against Western Carolina. He responded with five points and seven rebounds and played excellent defense against the Catamounts, helping Marshall to a 82-77 victory.

Nelson came to the Herd from Gasden Junior College in Alabama. There was some thought of redshirting of him after he suffered a broken foot before the season started. When he recovered from the injury he played in 25 games for the Herd, starting four.

He shot .508 from the floor with most of his shots coming from long range. He also hit four three-point goals during the season.

Winley won the favor of many Marshall fans when he scored 15 points in leading a comeback against WVU. He had a high game of 19 points against Furman.

During the summer, Winley got heavily involved in physical fitness and would run the stairs in Twin Towers West as many as five times a day.

This year's senior class combined for 47.2 points, 21.8 rebounds and 10.7 assists a game last year. They also accounted for 19 of the team's dunks and 171 of the steals. Two seniors, Sam Henry and David Wade, will join junior Jeff Battle as this year's team captains.

*The thing I like about coming into a new situation with six seniors is that they all have the experience going for them. Also they are all very loyal to Marshall and whoever is the coach. I like that very much.*

## Marshall coach Rick Huckabay

sophomore floats in an 18-foot jumper, giving the Herd the tournament. After the game Wade is named the tournament's co-MVP.

Though it may seem like just yesterday when these scenarios were acted out, all of these players are seniors now and have started their last season for the Thundering Herd.

But the trio makes up only half of this year's senior corp. They were joined last season by three junior college transfers that will also be finishing their eligibility this year, Sam Winley, Rod Nelson and Michael Dobson.

Henry was recruited to be the heir to the point guard position that Greg White had anchored for four years. After picking MU over Georgia Tech,

Evans was the team's leading scorer last season with a 13.8 average, making exactly half of his shots from the floor last season.

When he came to Marshall he was touted as a high scorer, with a 34.1 average in his senior year in high school being the evidence. The expectations seemed to hold up at the end of the year when he exploded for 90 points in the final three regular season games. Last season he topped the Herd in scoring in 10 games, with his 29 points against Western Carolina being the most any MU player scored in game last year. Despite being only 6-4 he was second on the team with 10 dunks last year.

The other four-year man is Huntington native David Wade, the team's top

The last time Marshall had six seniors on was team as 1972-73 season when it was headed up by Mike D'Antoni, Randy Noll, Ty Collins and Bill James. That team went 20-7 on the year and earned a berth in the National Invitational Tournament. That was the last Marshall team to win 20 games in a season before last year's squad turned the trick. Marshall is expected to have another large senior class next year as Jeff Battle, Don Turney, Skeeter Roberts, Sam Ervin, Robert Eppes and Bruce Morris all finish their eligibility. The coaching staff have already signed four high school seniors for the scholarships to be vacated by the departing seniors.



Photo by Rick Hays

Part of rookie head coach Rick Huckabay's returning veterans, Sam Winley strives to keep one step ahead in his quest for a winning season.



Staff photo by Todd Meek

Senior Rod Nelson launches another two for the Herd in a familiar scene for the Faithful.



# Can Chattanooga repeat?

Southern Conference teams hope to deny Mocs of fourth straight title

Who will win the Southern Conference this year? Tennessee-Chattanooga? Western Carolina? Furman? And, don't forget Huck's Herd. Here's a look at how the conference shapes up for the 1983-84 season.

**UT-CHATTANOOGA** -- Almost everyone is picking the Mocs to win their fourth straight league title. Head coach Murray Arnold will also be looking to take UT-C to its fourth straight NCAA tourney appearance. The Mocs posted a 26-4 record last season after finishing the 1981-82 season at 27-4. Their record in the SC was 15-1. Their top five scorers return this year.

Probably the best shooter in the conference, Willie White, is back to lead UT-C. He'll be supported by Chris McCray at guard and underneath by Gerald Wilkins, the brother of the Atlanta Hawks' Dominique. Stanford Stricklen is back at forward to provide a scoring and rebounding punch as will Lamar Oden, who's 6-5, 220. The Mocs lose Stanley Lawrence at center.

**FURMAN** -- Six-foot-9 center George Singleton, who averaged 16.1 points per game last year, will lead the Paladins, who are coming off a 9-20 season. A good recruiting class should help Furman. Guard Shawn Reid and forwards Eric Moore and Herman Sims should add immediate help.

Other returners include Noel Gilliard, a 9.9 per game scorer last year and center Greg Spurling, who, at 6-9, 225, averaged 4.7 last season.

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE** -- The Buccaneers lost just about everybody; five of last season's top six scorers to be exact. Among those are Troy Lee Mikell, who could touch the sky with his jumps, and 6-11 Winfred King.

Marcus Reese, who averaged nine points per game last year, is the only returning starter. Two junior college transfers, one 6-9, the other 6-8, will help ETSU ease the pain of the losses. It will never finish 22-9 overall and 12-4 in the SC like it did last year though.

**DAVIDSON** -- Davidson was 13-15 and 8-8 in the SC last year, but Kenny Wilson, an all-league performer, is back and anything can happen when a guy like Wilson is on a basketball team. He averaged 17 points per game last year and was selected to the all-league team.

The Wildcats have some tough teams on their schedule including Wake Forest and Mark Cline (remember him?), South Carolina, UNC-Charlotte and Notre Dame.

**WESTERN CAROLINA** -- The Catamounts lost all-league performer Kelly Trimier but have managed to pull some good recruits into the system. One of those recruits is Vincent Walker, an all-stater out of North Carolina.

Among the returners for Western Carolina, which finished 17-12 last year and in the No. 4 slot in the conference, are backcourt mates Quiton Moore, who averaged 12 points per game last season, and Quentin Lytle.

**THE CITADEL** -- Regan Truesdale, who averaged 13 points last year, leads the Bulldogs' attack out of Charleston, S.C., this year. Shawn Brown at 6-7 is back also along with John Sterling.

**APPALACHIAN STATE** -- The Mountaineers were hurt last year by players not wanting to study their school books. Three players were lost at the beginning of the season for academic reasons. Appy State finished the year at 6-21.

This year's team is young but some talented players return including guard David Lawrence who scored at a 15 per game clip last year and center Dale Roberts, who chipped in 11 points per game.

**VMI** -- The worst team in the Southern Conference last year but that may change behind the play of Darren Sawyer, who scored 15 points a game last year, and Cedric Wins, who also averaged 15 per game. Coach Marty Fletcher also had a decent recruiting year, signing 6-9 and 6-7 players.

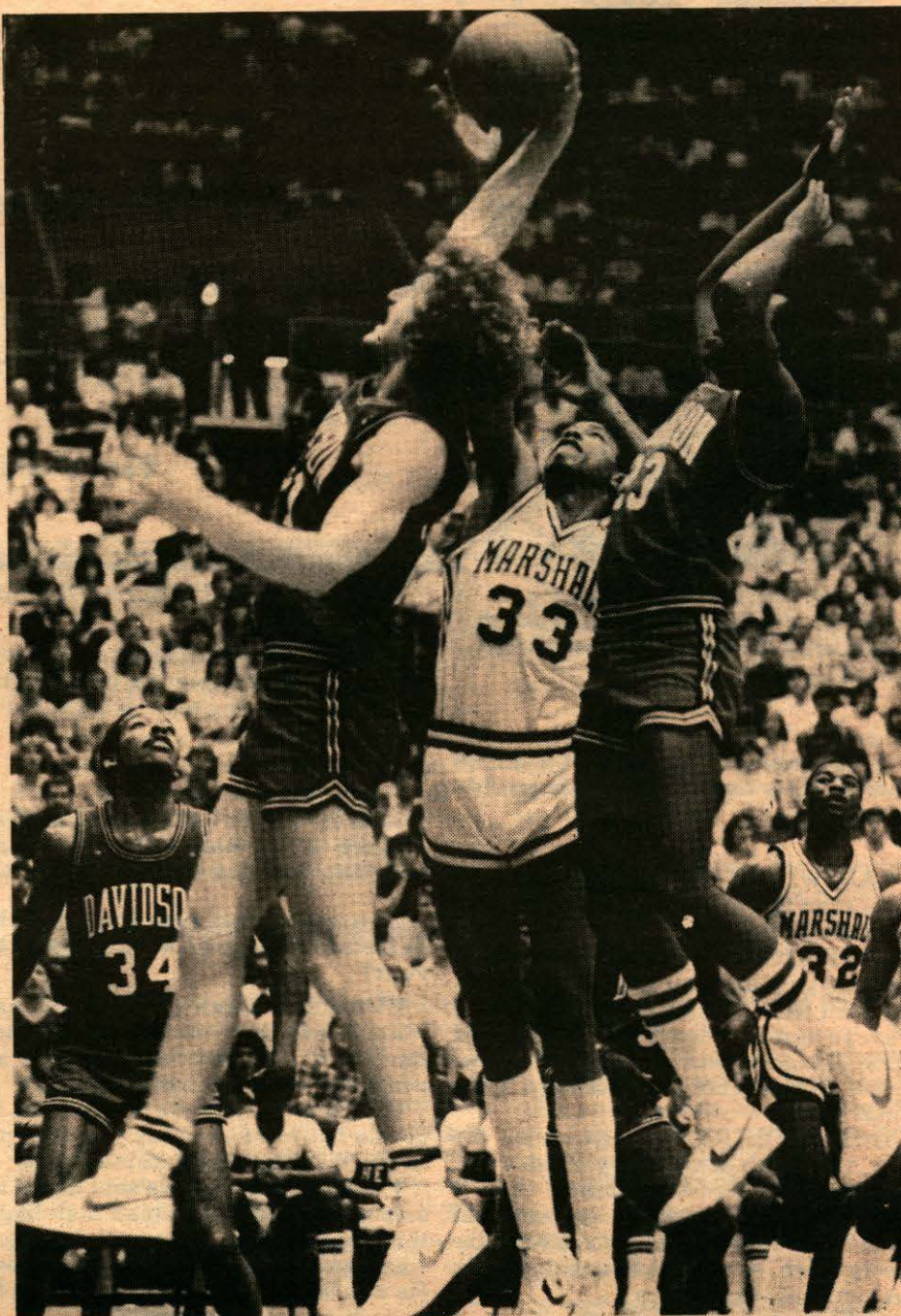


Photo by Rick Hays

Jeff Richardson battles for a rebound between two Davidson Wildcats. The Herd defeated Davidson twice last season.



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LaVerne Evans hopes the bank is open against the Furman Paladins.





# Rap

## The players candidly di



Staff photo by Tami Miracle

*The student section pumps us up...the students are really going out for it, really working up a sweat.*

**Sam Winley**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is a transcript of a discussion Parthenon staff writer Leskie Pinson had with several of the Marshall players.

**L**ast year Marshall won 20 games. How far can the team go this season?

**SAM WINLEY:** I think we can win more than 20 games. We can go as far as we want to go.

**JEFF RICHARDSON:** We can go as far as 14 guys and four guys on the coaching staff let us. That's going to be a long way. To narrow it down I think we have a great chance to win the Southern Conference and possibly a chance to go to the Final Four.

**DON TURNEY:** We can go all the way, there's no doubt in my mind. First, win the Southern Conference, then it depends on how far we go against what team in the NCAA. Against someone like Georgetown, somebody like that. I think we can beat Georgetown.

How is this year different than last year?

**LAVERNE EVANS:** You name it, everything is different in practice from free throw shooting to blocking out in the lanes.

**Attitude?**

**SAM HENRY:** Yeah, I think so. We're working a lot harder like they said. Definitely the work outs are different.

How was it last year knowing that Zuffelato was gone at the end of the year?

**EVANS:** I think they should have waited until the end of the year. Sometimes it would stick in your mind and you'd say 'what's coming next year.'

**HENRY:** It might have affected a few people but most everybody just took it in stride. We didn't really think about.

**TURNEY:** He always said this is this season, next season is blah blah blah. I think at the end of the season it got to be where we just wanted get the season over. He was leaving and it sort of seemed like

he wasn't putting as much in coaching as he was before. It was like we wanted to win but then we didn't want to win. It could go either way.

When you found out at the beginning of the year that he was leaving did the thought ever cross your mind of transferring out?

**EVANS:** No, I never thought that. I just wanted to continue on and cope with the year the best way I could. I tried not to concentrate on his leaving and instead concentrate on winning.

Zuffelato was obviously a very nice guy but some people have said he had a hard time when he had to raise his voice. How does he compare to Huckabay in this aspect?

**WINLEY:** It's two different situations. Last year a lot of the guys knew the coach but this year with a new guys it's new for everybody. Last year a lot of guys had established a relationship, knowing the coach personally. I think that had a lot to do with it.

Has the adjustment period smoothed off yet to the new coach?

**WINLEY:** We will always be adjusting. He's always showing us some sides of him. We're learning everyday.

**ROD NELSON:** It's been kind of tough. First coach Z, now Coach Huckabay. I've had to do a whole lot of adjusting. But I've learned to handle it.

Have you learned a lot about basketball that you maybe didn't know before?

**HENRY:** I don't know if that's the case. But I think we are pushing ourselves to a limit that maybe someone like myself didn't think we could reach or obtain.

Sam, in your case there was a noticeable improvement at the Midnight Special when you slam dunked for the first time. Did you ever think you could do that?

**HENRY:** Well, I never really concentrated on that. We had been on a real comprehensive weight program that really helped everybody. I think with the weight

*We want the fans to be out there so we can celebrate together. Especially when we beat WVU. I know they will be there then.*

**Rod Nelson**

that was the main reason we were able to dunk. That dunk was no big deal. I'll probably never try to dunk in a game. I haven't tried to dunk since then.

So the weights have helped.

**TURNEY:** Definitely, with the weights and everything everyone is jumping better. Physically we're just strong.

**HENRY:** It probably helped in my shooting range, I think it has. All our arms and upper bodies are stronger.

**RICHARDSON:** I put on a couple of pounds over the summer. Assistant coach

Dan Bell made up this weight program for me and I put on about 10 pounds, mostly in my upper body. Maybe I need to put on about 10 more. I could feel comfortable with that.

I've heard that Coach Bell helped everyone a lot with their shooting. What has he done differently?

**WINLEY:** He breaks the whole shot down. From the balance of the feet to being extended up to the maximum and having a smooth follow-through.

**EVANS:** He's getting everyone in the habit of making sure the ball is in good shooting position and that our arms are tucked instead of out. And always follow through. Like Sam said, he's breaking it all down.

**NELSON:** He convinced me when he was showing us how to shoot. He was shooting it as he talked and he would just go to a spot and shoot it. It went in every

*Everyone on campus is pumping people should do the same thing. Carolina and others in the conf*



Staff photo by Tami Miracle





# it up

## Discuss upcoming season

time. He hit about 15 for 15. He gained a whole lot of respect from everybody.

**Sam,** I know you worked on it during the summer, how's the free throw shooting going?

**HENRY:** I think it's improving but I still have a ways to go. I'll get it down.

Were you all surprised that you were picked to come in third, behind UT-Chanooga and Western Carolina, at the rouser?

**WINLEY:** I wasn't. They are looking at stats and things like that from the past year. They don't know what we are dealing with in practice as of now. If they could see what we are dealing with and then take a look at everyone else's workout I think it would be a lot different.

UT-C is led by Willie White. To the people in the stands he comes off as

umping up the WVU game. I think e thing for Chattanooga, Western onference.

Jeff Richardson



being rather cocky. What's he really like?

**EVANS:** Willie is a great athlete, a great competitor. He runs his mouth a little but he plays good basketball. He's got his cocky ways but he's a good athlete.

Non-conference Eastern Michigan is going to be tough this year. They might be better than a lot of people think.

**WINLEY:** I think they have five starters back, don't they?

**EVANS:** Yeah. We know that they are a good team from playing them last year.

West Virginia is our first home game. John, I guess that is an especially big game for you, since are from the state.

**JOHN AMENDOLA:** Yeah that is. About half of my graduating class went to WVU and I took a lot of ribbing last year when we lost up there. I'll have a lot of friends coming down for that game.

East Tennessee State. They took us twice last year but they lost all of their starters.

**WINLEY:** That doesn't mean anything. It's just going to make us come at them harder. It's not our problem that their seniors graduated.

Where do you like to play in the Southern Conference?

**EVANS:** I like playing at Western Carolina, I like the floor and the rims. I like playing at Davidson, I seem to have real good games against them.

**TURNER:** I like Furman, Furman is fun to play at. Appy (Appalachian State) was fun to play at my first year, I didn't go last year. Chattanooga is a great place, that place is awesome.

**NELSON:** I like to go to all of them but I guess Furman would be my favorite since I had a pretty good game down there. Western Carolina, also.

**RICHARDSON:** Chattanooga. I don't like them, but I like to play there.

Anywhere you don't like to go?

*It seems like just a little bit ago we were up there playing WVU as freshmen. We have another year to go and we can really make something great happen if we continue to work hard and apply ourselves.*

Sam Henry

**WINLEY:** Nobody likes to get out.

**TURNER:** VMI is always nasty. The cadets cut us tough. The Citadel was that way when de las Pozas started saying all that stuff. They got pretty nasty too.

**AMENDOLA:** I don't like Furman. The gym is too small, it's like a high school gym.

**EVANS:** There's no place that I don't particularly like. Even VMI has a nice facility.

Being seniors, is it different? Are you leaders more now?

*We can go all the way, there's no doubt in my mind. First win the Southern Conference then it depends how far we go against what team in the NCAA.*

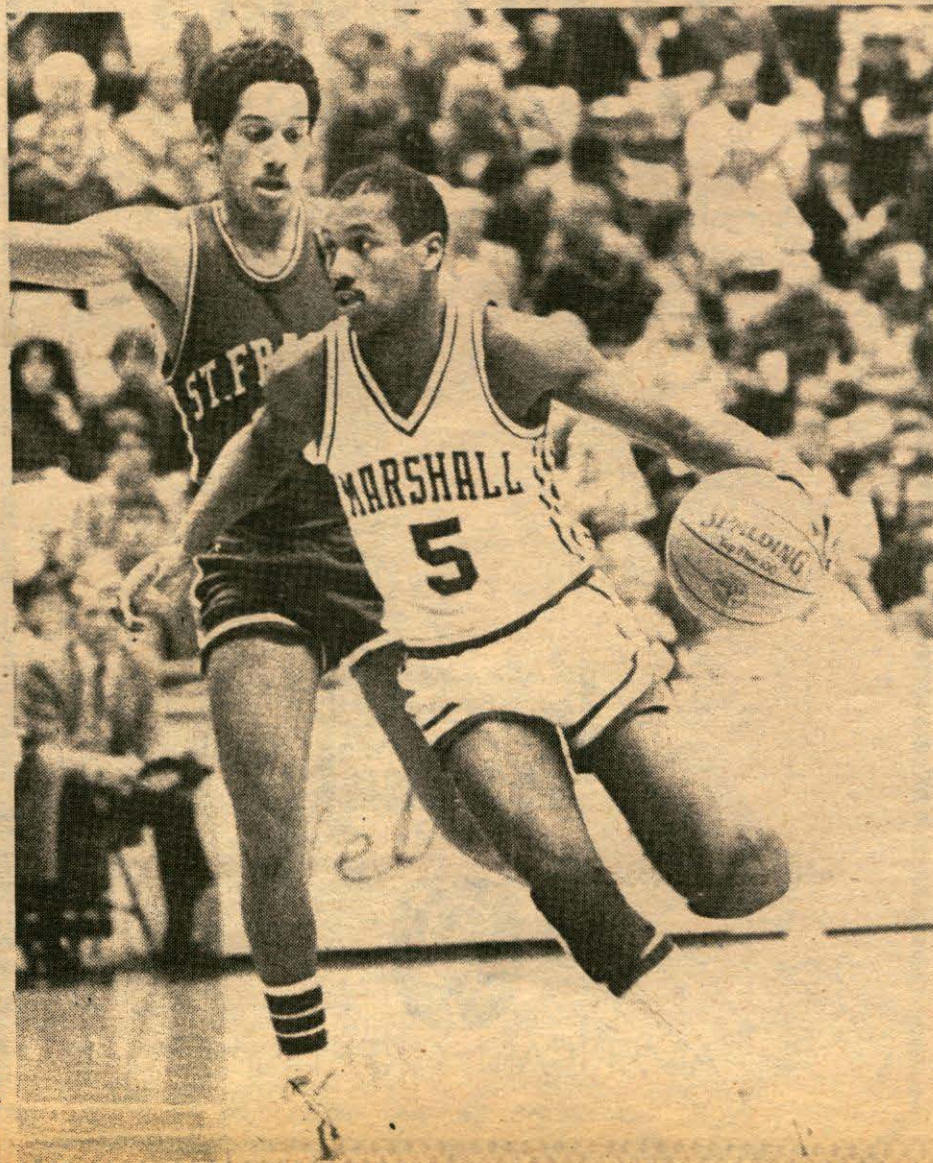
Don Turney

**HENRY:** Not really. More or less now I just try to go out and do the job, do what is asked of me. This is my last year and I really want to get my degree. That has as much weight as playing basketball. They go hand in hand. I'd like to have a winning year and all, but I probably put more emphasis on my degree than I do basketball. I'm looking forward to having a great year. I can't say we will or we won't do it but with all the hard work we are putting into it I feel it is bound to pay off some way.

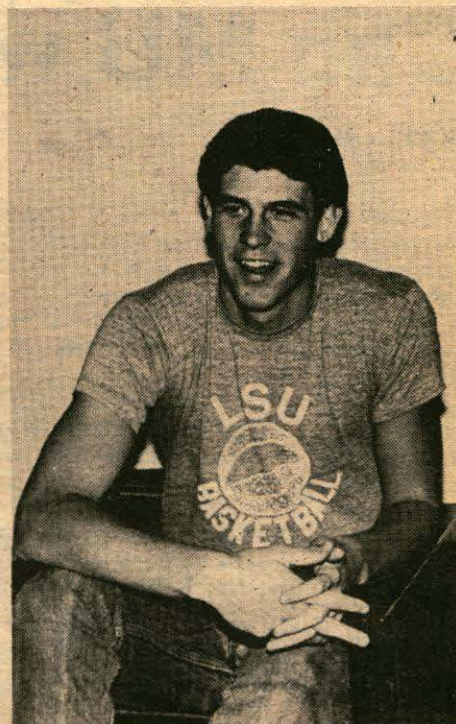
Have your years at Marshall gone quickly?

**HENRY:** Definitely. It seems like just a little bit ago we were up there playing WVU as freshmen. We weren't getting much playing time then though. It does seem like the time has really gone by, but I'm not looking at that. We have another year to go and we can really make something great happen this year if we continue to work hard and apply ourselves.

Let's talk about the loss to Furman last year in the SC tournament.



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**WINLEY:** that would be a low point. We really were looking to advance and go further even though we lost that game. We were looking for an NIT bid, mostly because of our record.

Marshall was one of only seven teams that won 20 games but didn't go anywhere. Were you all surprised we didn't get any invitations?

**EVANS:** In a way. But we lost so early that takes a lot of consideration. People saw that we lost in the first round to a low team in the tournament.

What's it like playing basketball in Huntington?

**NELSON:** If it weren't for basketball I wouldn't be here. The people here are real nice and the atmosphere is pretty good but I think I'd rather be at home, where there are more activities.

**RICHARDSON:** I'm a country boy, so it doesn't much matter to me. I think Huntington is a nice place.

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# Can MU win the big one? Battle says yes

By Chris Morris  
Staff Writer

Because of last season's loss in Charleston in the first round of the Southern Conference tournament, Marshall's basketball team has been labeled as the team that can't win the big one.

"This year we're going to get rid of that label," Jeff Battle, Marshall's junior playmaking guard from Philadelphia, said.

Battle said he has bright hopes for the 1983-84 season and added that the team has really been working out hard. "I have a positive attitude about this season, but I don't want to make any broad predictions," the 5-foot-9, 158 pounder said.

Battle is the smallest player on the team but said he does not concern himself with that fact.

"I faced the fact in high school that I was going to be short," he said. "So I just told myself not to worry about it."

He said he feels much improved as a player this year. He noted that he has been working out with weights and practicing on the fundamentals of the game. He has not been plagued by any serious injuries during practice, but said he has had a few "nagging injuries," such as a bad cold.

Despite the fact Marshall was pegged for third behind UT-Chattanooga and Western Carolina, Battle said he expects the Herd to fight for the top spot.

"I feel they picked us third because of the way we ended the season last year," he said. "But I think we will show some

people this year that we are better than third."

"I hope people don't hold last year against us," he said. "I don't think we were failures and we plan to prove that we are sound and capable of winning the Southern Conference championship."

When asked to compare new head coach Rick Huckabay with former coach Bob Zuffelato, Battle said that as far as personalities go, Huckabay is more businesslike compared to the easygoing Zuffelato.

"Coach Huck is a straight-forward coach," Battle said. "He lets you know what he wants out of you and expects you to deliver. His whole attitude toward the game is different. He started us working out on weights and at first the team took a negative approach. Now we really enjoy working out with the weights and really attack them."

Battle said Huckabay expects to have a fundamentally sound defense this year and will be using the man-to-man.

"He will have a pressing defense," Battle said. "You have to be fast to run the man-to-man defense and we are definitely fast enough."

Battle said the pace is slower socially in Huntington than in the urban area of his hometown, where he grew up as a Philadelphia 76er fan. Though he is away from home he still remains a fan of the Sixers and has a wall in his Hodges Hall room decorated with newspaper clippings proclaiming their world championship.

"I've always been a big Sixers fan," Battle said. "They are one of the greatest teams ever in the NBA."



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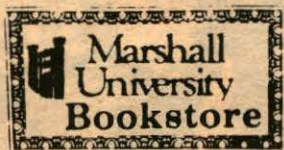
Don't mention the Boston Celtics to Jeff Battle, who has 76er clippings decorating his dorm wall.

Battle dealt out 54 assists last year, while averaging 3.4 points per game. The junior guard shot .428 percent from the field, including a pair of three-point goals.

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**You guys go out and play basketball together everyday then come to the dorms and live together. Do you all ever have a hard time getting along with one another?**

**WINLEY:** I'd be lying to you if I said everything was peaches and cream. Everyone has their differences, even you and your brothers and sisters. But we learn how to deal with certain situations and work them out.

**Is basketball still fun? Do you really like the game?**

**NELSON:** I've always loved the game. I can't stand to get out in cold weather, sports like football and baseball aren't for me. I like to be inside.

**RICHARDSON:** I didn't start playing organized basketball until I was in the 8th grade. I was a football player, split end. Basketball, like Rod said, let's you be inside. Even when I played football I didn't like that cold weather.

**Are there many brawls or fights in practice?**

**WINLEY:** Practice itself is a brawl. You don't have to pick a fight, just find someone coming off a pick.

**TURNEY:** You just start running. Then he gets you warmed up and we do all the defensive drills. Then we start playing against each other and it's watch out. That's all they want you to do is be more aggressive. That's the thing they have on me: Be more aggressive. These practices are helping me to be more aggressive.

**Let's talk officials in the Southern Conference.**

**TURNEY:** You've got (Ed) Chambers and Maurice (Everette) and all them. I don't think they're very constant at all. I don't know what it is but when we're at home it seems like they call more fouls on us. And usually when you're at home they give you a break or something like that. Maybe they have something against Marshall. I don't know. That's the way it was last year.

**NELSON:** It's terrible, man. They don't let you play enough, they call everything. We try to learn to be aggressive but they take that away from us.

**WINLEY:** Sometimes it seems like they have two whistles and one they automatically blow.

**RICHARDSON:** I think the Southern Conference officials are terrible. They won't let the post players play real basketball. If you put a good box-out on a player, it's a foul. If you put good move on a player it's traveling.

**EVANS:** It depends on what officials

you get. It depends on what the officials wife cooked him for dinner or how his love life is carrying on, I don't know.

**Maurice Everette.**

**EVANS:** He tricked me once. He was talking to me real nice and being real nice and everything. Then the next week he gave me a technical.

**Mike Serrirco.**

**EVANS:** I like the way he gets into the game. He almost beats himself up to make a call. One time he gave me a continuation like in the NBA. I was fouled at the free throw line and he still gave me the basket. He's alright though. Sometimes it seems like he hurts us, though.

**Last year one player missed a slam and ended up on his back. A lot of you guys ended up on your backs on the bench laughing. If that same thing happen this year...**

**WINLEY:** I don't think it would happen this year, put it that way. Attitudes coming off the bench are going to be a whole different thing. Everybody is going to be into the game and know that they are going to have the opportunity to play. I think in there were cases where the guys coming off the bench weren't as intense as they should have been.

**What's it like coming from a junior college? What's the adjustment?**

**WINLEY:** It's not a big adjustment. It's like coming from high school to college. You just try to go with the flow. I'm an outgoing person anyway. And the guys will tell you that as soon as I got here I was sparking. I don't know if it was sparking on them good or sparking on them bad. I was just me.

**The competitive way we play makes practice turn to be like a brawl. It's very rough, very physical.**

**LaVerne Evans**

**Coach Huckabay has tried to stress the importance of a degree. Sam Henry mentioned this earlier. How are the classes going?**

**EVANS:** It's a little rough. It's always a little rough for me. They're coming along pretty well. I'm not trying to say I'm the greatest student but I do what I can. It can be a pain in the butt, but you gotta have it.

**NELSON:** Classes are coming real good right now. I'm just having a little bit of trouble in my economics but I have a tutor in there and that is helping out.

**RICHARDSON:** My classes are coming real good, except for Social Studies. I'm struggling a little bit in there.

**NELSON:** Attendance is mandatory. You can bet I'll be there if I had a broken leg.

**RICHARDSON:** I'll be there rain, sleet or snow.

**NELSON:** Huck will be at your door.

**How does Huckabay impress you all?**

**WINLEY:** He's a classy gentleman. He knows what I can do and he works hard at pushing me more. I think everybody needs that, to be pushed.

**RICHARDSON:** I think he's the best coach in the country. He motivates us. I think in the way he handles players he's going to be a great guy this season.

**TURNEY:** He's got my respect. I think he's got everybody's respect. There's never negative talk; he never talks about losing. Everything is winning, succeeding. It's rubbing off on us.

**HENRY:** The thing I like is that when he makes the point he doesn't leave you wondering what's going on. He wants everything just right for us. I respect that. He really tries to do a lot for us and wants to bring a Southern Conference Championship to Huntington.

**Henry Dickerson is the first black assistant you have ever been under here at Marshall, how do you all like him?**

**WINLEY:** We are learning a lot just from the fact that he was in the NBA. He doesn't deal with us so much deferentially than other coaches, he just has his own personality. I don't know if that's because he's black or what. Whatever the situation is it's just him being himself.

**What about Johnny Lyles, the other assistant coach?**

**HENRY:** He's a competitor. He likes you to do things right especially from a guard point of view. He really doesn't like for you to make mental mistakes, that's his main thing. You don't want to get on his bad side.

**AMENDOLA:** He knows his stuff. He's real close with all the players. He'll joke around with us but when he gets on the court he is all serious. He's a good guy.

**What about the 6 a.m. practices you had at the first of the year?**

**EVANS:** Of course our bodies just weren't programmed to get up that early and it was just like having a job and having to program yourself to be

up when you didn't want to. Everyone did the job, we were usually there and dressed by 20 minutes or a quarter of six.

**RICHARDSON:** It was tough getting up a 5 a.m. but I think most of the players got use to it, I know I did. Most Saturdays I still wake up at 5. Don't get me wrong I don't get up I just wake up. It was hard to get up and look outside and it was night and we were going to play basketball.

**NELSON:** When I was growing up I was so crazy about basketball that I use to get up sometimes at 8:30 or 9 a.m. on Saturday and I'd be ready to hoop then. But at 6 a.m., well, I just had to put it in my mind that it just had to be done.

**Practice itself is a brawl. You don't have to pick a fight, just find someone coming off a pick.**

**Sam Winley**

**Until last year we didn't play well on the road. Last year we did. What was the difference?**

**HENRY:** I think part of it was a change of attitude. He said that playing on the road was just another game. Myself I like playing on the road, I've had some of my best games on the road. I like home to but I love the road. It's nice to get away and get a change of scenery sometimes.

**EVANS:** It seems like I have good games on the road. I don't know why. It just seems to go that way. I do like to get away and see the people and go to all the different places.

**Last year Coach Zuffelato said that all the starting spots were open. Was it really that way?**

**TURNEY:** Not in my mind. Z said that and everybody was working hard when it started out. Then gradually you could see the same people, the same people. I mean you're working hard and you think you're doing good but it's back to the same old syndrome. Sitting on the bench, there you go again. Sitting on the bench not playing, you just follow up. My freshman year I just followed up. I thought I was working hard, there wasn't anything I could do about it.

**AMENDOLA:** Last year Z said all the spots were open but everyone kind of knew who was going to start. This year everyone knows they all have a chance to get some playing time.

**This year's team has a lot of depth. Will you all be able to split up the time among 14 players?**

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## Coach Z loving the NBA, San Francisco

By Leskie Plinson  
Staff Writer

It is one of those things that you file in the "Who would have thought it?" category. Bob Zuffelato, the consummate gentleman, joining the wild world of the National Basketball Association. But Z is fitting in well to his new job. "I love it," he said. "I'm having a great time. I wish I could have made this move earlier in my career."

The move, from associate athletic director at Marshall to sole assistant coach for the NBA's Golden State Warriors, was precipitated by John Bach's being named the head man on the Warriors' staff.

"I had coached against John when he was at Penn State and I was at Boston College," Zuffelato said. "We had a professional mutual respect for each other."

As Bach's only assistant, Zuffelato has many responsibilities. He is the chief scout for the team and takes care of team's extensive video tape system.

"We have \$16,000 of video equipment that we use to scout other teams," he said. "What I do is take a tape of a game and pick it apart down to 10 or 15 minutes of what we want the players to concentrate on."

Along with scouting Zuffelato also is present at all the practices and games. "Some of the times I have to take the red-eye flight to get back to practices," he said. "But I enjoy the travel too. It is giving me a chance to see all of the United States."

One of the most fascinating aspects of the job was the talent evaluation the coaching staff went through before the season began.

"There is just so much talent, it's incredible," he said. "We go through the veterans and the free agents and of course all the rookie draft picks. We cut the team down to 12 players and they are all super players."

One of the ways the staff cuts the team down is the California Summer League that the Warriors participate in. It was in that league that Z had an introduction to the new referees of the NBA.

"The assistant coaches traditionally coach in the summer league," he said.



Photo by Rick Hays

**Former Marshall coach and associate athletic director Bob Zuffelato has taken his coaching skills to the National Basketball Association and Golden State Warriors.**

"I was coaching the team and one of the sub refs gave me a technical. Then a little later I was yelling at one of my players and the official from all the way on the other end of the court and

diagonally across threw me out.

"It was a completely ridiculous call and I was very embarrassed," he said. "Coach Bach had to come out of the stands to finish the game."

Zuffelato said it was the first time he had ever been thrown out of a game. But on the pro level, where 82 games are played per season, there are sure a lot more games to be thrown out of.

"My gosh, the games never cease," Zuffelato said. "That's the part I love about it. Sometime it can be a grind though."

"One week recently we had three games in one week then four games the next. Then soon after that we had four games in five days. And of course our season is at least six weeks longer than the college season."

There are many critics of the NBA and Zuffelato is particularly in disagreement with two of their arguments.

"They say there is no coaching in the NBA. That is completely wrong," he said. "The coaching in the NBA is just incredibly innovative and imaginative. It is the best anywhere, I know that now."

"And the thing about there not being any defense played in the league is a bunch of hogwash. The defensive effort some of the people put out is outstanding."

"But remember the pro games are eight minutes longer and there is the 24-second clock. And with the talent in the league, shots can be produced so quickly that you just can't stop people all the time."

Zuffelato said the cultural shock of moving from Huntington to the Bay Area of San Francisco/Oakland was almost equal to that of when he went from Boston to Huntington, only in reverse.

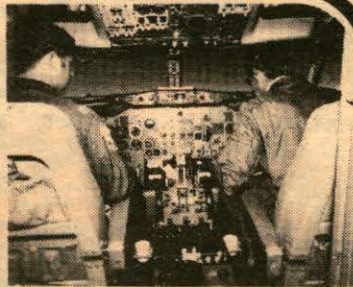
"The Bay Area is a lot like the Boston area, only the weather is better here," he said.

As for his future, Zuffelato said he does not anticipate a return to college coaching.

"When I answer your question now I have to say no, I probably won't be a college coach again," he said. "A few years from now that might change but I don't see that happening right now."

"Some people say the job of an NBA assistant is the best in the world," he said. "You don't have the intense pressure the head coach has but still you are coaching in the NBA."

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# Walker coach says MU got good deal

By Leskle Pinson  
Staff Writer

The three junior college transfers at Marshall this year all come from Walker Junior College in Jasper, Ala., a school that has spent much of the last 25 years as a JC powerhouse.

It has been under Coach Glen Clem, who is accustomed to sending his players to Division I schools. Three of his players, Robert Eppes, Bruce Morris and Sam Ervin, came to Marshall. Clem said the Herd got a good deal.

"Robert is a self-made player that had to make a great adjustment when he came to college, especially as far as the greater level of competition," Clem said. "But he has such outstanding work habits that he made himself into a pretty good basketball player."

"He is an excellent passer for a player his size, too," he said. "I think he can perform better offensively if he needs to. In our system last year he played a role and was there more for the defensive job and grabbing the boards."

The 6-7 Eppes' numbers last year included a 9.6 point per game average to go along with 6.3 rebounds.

Sam Ervin played more of an offensive role for the 29-4 team as he averaged 19.8 points.

"Sam is a tremendous athlete," Clem said. "His potential is unlimited. If he can spend maybe three months working on his shooting, the sky's the limit."

"For a player his size (6-5, 235 pounds) he can handle the ball pretty well," he said. "He can dribble and pass real well."

Last season for Walker, Ervin dealt 64 assists and pulled 5.6 rebounds a game. He also earned junior college first-team All American honors.

"I think Sam could take any No. 2 guard in the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) and shut him down," Clem said. "His lateral movement is that great."

Marshall coach Rick Huckabay said Ervin could play either forward or guard in the Herd's offense.

Of Morris, Clem said he has never been around a more hard-nosed player in his life.

"He, too, is a self-made player," he said. "He works very hard and will do all he can to get the job done for you."

"What I remember about Bruce is one game when we were up by about 40 points and I hear this voice coming from down the bench," Clem said. "I look down there and it's coming from Bruce, who was getting all over everybody. I told Coach (Dan) Bell to go down there and tell Bruce to shut up. It was as if we were down by three."

For Walker, Morris averaged 6.8 points a game last year, hitting on over 50 percent of his shots. He also dealt out 52 assists.

Morris has a 5.0 scoring average in his two seasons at Walker and dished out 103 assists. He started 19 games in two seasons at the junior college and made 55 of 86 free throw attempts.



Staff photo by Jeff Seager

Junior college transfer Bruce Morris exemplifies his dunking ability with a one-handed jam during the Herd's Midnight Special.

## Pruner/Jackson

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two years I spent a whole lot of time with sorority and had a whole of fun. I don't spend as much time with it now as I want to. I tried to live in the house my junior year but it was just too tough. Judy was making things so much tougher on us as far as conditioning goes. I had never worked so hard in all my life.

"Plus, when I got into my junior year of accounting it was really tough," she said. "I just couldn't have the same active social life I had before."

Pruner has an active life on the backboards. She was Marshall's leading rebounder last season, averaging 6.6 per game. Offensively, though, neither Pruner nor Jackson made a lot of noise and both are candid about the fact that offense is not their forte.

"On the offensive end of the floor I just can't move as gracefully as Karen Pelphrey," Pruner said. "I'll try till the day I die but I just don't have it."

"I can run the patterns on offense and be just where I'm supposed to be and they can get me the ball but when I get it it's a brick. It won't bounce; when

I throw it up against the backboard it comes right back at me."

The same holds true for Jackson. "My weakness is catching the ball and my ballhandling skills," she said. "I can go maybe one or two days and have good practices and later it will all go down the shoot. I just miss up one right after the other."

Jackson played in 22 games last season, averaging 1.1 points per game. Pruner started all 29 games and averaged 4.3 points.

Both are able to make up for their silence on offense when the other team has the ball.

"It doesn't take nearly as much raw talent to play defense," Pruner said. "It just takes a little bit of desire and hustle. Defense can be learned."

In playing defense Jackson tries to use effort to put herself in a position superior to player she is guarding.

"I try to get down and play really tough," she said. "I go into it like I am better than she is. Wherever she goes I can get right along with her. I have to put myself much higher than my opponents."

One thing that can't be learned in height. Jackson stands 5-11 and

Pruner 6-2. Each tower more than half a foot over average members of their gender.

"I don't mind being tall," Pruner said. "Here at school people realize I'm a basketball player and they don't think anything of it. For later in life I sometimes wish I were 5-9 or 5-10."

Jackson said her height can be an advantage. "I love being tall. People are really intimidated by me with my height," she said. "I can get away with a lot of things with my height."

Being tall can often brand a person as a basketball player. But both women say they like the game.

"Sometimes when we go through all the drills I can get to not like it," Jackson said. "But then I look at it and I realize the things we do are to help us. I really like basketball."

Pruner said, "I love it. I enjoy it more than I ever thought I could."

Both said their parents have been supportive of the athletic careers the two Marshall players have had.

"I think sometimes that my mother would have rather seen me be a cheerleader. But I can't just can see myself out there standing on a guy's

shoulders," Pruner said with a laugh. "But both my mom and dad are glad I'm doing this. They come to all my games and really support me."

So now in their senior season, just three years after 1-28, the women eagerly await the possibility of their first winning season.

"Sure, we can have a winning season," Pruner said. "We can have a heckuva season."

Jackson said, "We have a lot of depth on this bench and a lot of good people on the team that has the potential to do a lot of good things for us. I do believe we should have a winning team."

Win or lose both have enjoyed the fellowship of the team concept.

"On the team I know everything about my teammates," Pruner said. "Most of us live in the same area of dorms and it's amazing how close we get."

"You get to know a girl and what she goes through. Like when she's running beside you on the line at the end of practice in conditioning. You're both feeling the same pain, the same hurt and the same anger sometimes," she said. "That's how close we get."



# Her...d becoming more popular McConnell says

By Bill Durstein  
Staff Writer

Better competition is the reason women's athletics are starting to get more attention from university administrators and sports fans alike, according to women's basketball assistant coach Barb McConnell.

"The competition has gotten a lot better and women's lib has pushed funding into women's sports," McConnell said. "Each year our team has gotten more popular than the year before."

As the first full-time assistant in the women's program, McConnell believes different people watch different teams.

"The men's game is different from the women's and there are people who only want to watch the women play," she said. "Women can't dunk or anything but our game is just as fun to watch."

The competition in West Virginia has improved a lot in just three years, McConnell said.

"This is my third year here and just from watching high school games I can see the difference," she said.

McConnell transferred to MU in 1981 to play her senior year with coach Judy Southard. Both came from the

University of Tennessee at Martin.

"I respected Judy a lot and I wanted to finish my career under her guidance," McConnell said. "I am glad because it gave me the opportunity to coach here."

Last year McConnell was the graduate assistant to Southard and had two main responsibilities with the Her...d.

"I recruited for Judy because I know what type of player she likes to have on her team," she said. "I also worked with our young point guards. It's the position I played and probably the hardest to learn."

McConnell said this year's Her...d is the best talent-wise she's been associated with on the collegiate level.

"We are very good but again with all the talent around we will have to work hard for a winning season," she said. "I think we should win at least 15 games this year with our team being older and more experienced."

A winning season should help the women's team get more support from the Athletic Department, McConnell said.

"Judy and I feel that the athletic department is making the commitment to us and women's athletics," she said. "If we improve than the commitment will. And our program will be good."



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Barbara McConnell, a former player with Marshall, is now the Her...d's first full-time assistant coach. McConnell said the Athletic Department is making a commitment to women's athletics.

## Southard's class of 1987 to provide depth

By Mark Ayersman  
Staff Writer

Women's basketball coach Judy Southard has recruited four freshmen women and one sophomore transfer student to play for the 1983-84 Her...d and add depth to a team which finished with a 10-19 record last season.

The Her...d's new recruits are 5-foot-10 center Franseda Gunn, 6-foot-1 center Kim Shepherd, 5-foot-9 forward Tammy Wiggins, 5-foot-2 guard Jeanne Ullom and 5-foot-6 forward Meg Hanshaw, who transferred to Marshall from West Virginia University.

Gunn played basketball for Marion County High School in Lebanon, Ky., and was recruited by several schools including Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and the University of Dayton before she chose to play college basketball at Marshall.

Gunn's decision to play for the Her...d was based on her favorable impressions of Southard and Marshall's Henderson Center.

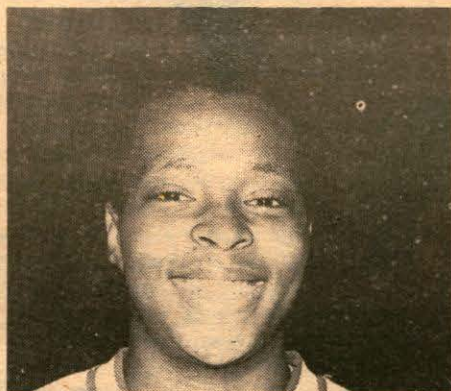
Gunn, Marion County's leading scorer two years and leading rebounder three years was named to several all-regional and all-state teams in Kentucky. Besides playing basketball, Gunn also participated in track in high school.

"She has the best technique as a post player on the team and she is very strong on the boards," Southard said.

Moving into the Her...d's starting lineup is Gunn's goal this year and in her career. She hopes to set some rebounding records at Marshall.

Shepherd averaged 19 points, nine rebounds and three assists a game playing basketball her senior year at Allen Central High School in Langley, Ky.

"I was recruited by several Kentucky basketball schools, including Morehead State, but I came to Marshall



Franseda Gunn

because I think I can help the women's basketball program," Shepherd said.

Although Shepherd has been slowed by a knee injury, a pulled hamstring and a thumb injury in preseason workouts, she is now able to practice hard and she is moving up in the lineup, Southard said.

Shepherd's goals are to play well for the Her...d and get her degree in physical education.

Wiggins, who played at Dunbar High School, was one of West Virginia's top-rated women basketball players. Averaging 20 points, six steals and eight assists a game as a senior, Wiggins was named the Kanawha Valley Conference girls' basketball player of the year. Wiggins was also a three-year, all-state forward, an AAU All-American team member and an honorable mention Converse All-American.

Wiggins was recruited to play basketball by several schools but she came to Marshall because it is close to her home in Dunbar, she said.

"Potential-wise, Wiggins could be one of the best forwards we have ever had in our system," Southard said. "She is a great leaper, a nice shooter and she has all the skills but she is still learning though."

Ullom and Hanshaw are local



Kim Shepherd

women who played high school basketball in Marshall's neighborhood. Ullom played at Huntington East High School while Hanshaw played across town at Huntington High School. They occasionally played against each other in high school, they said.

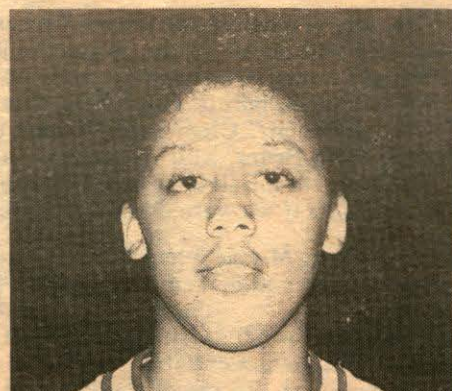
Ullom received offers to play basketball at West Virginia Tech and West Virginia State College after she graduated from East in 1981 but she decided those schools were not right for her, she said.

Although Ullom had been out of high school for two years, she still wanted to play college basketball, she said. So, she enrolled at Marshall this summer and tried out for the Her...d this fall, eventually making the team.

"Being out of basketball for two years has had to hurt Ullom," Southard said. "She has good speed but she is struggling to learn the point guard position."

During Hanshaw's senior year, she had auditions at Marshall and WVU and she received an offer from Southard to play basketball for the Her...d, she said. However, Hanshaw decided not to play basketball and go to WVU because she wanted to go to school away from home.

Hanshaw's love for basketball



Tammy Wiggins

caused her to drop out of WVU and try out for the Her...d this fall, she said. Hanshaw, like Ullom, made Marshall's team and both have four years of eligibility.

"We initially thought Hanshaw would be a point guard for us but now we think she feels better at the wing position," Southard said. "Hanshaw is a zone-buster and her good shot complements Karen Pelphrey well at the opposite wing."

Ullom is majoring in physical education and she would eventually like to coach women's basketball on the high school or college level.

Hanshaw is majoring in athletic training and she too would like to be a coach or an athletic trainer someday, she said. Hanshaw lists her hobbies as sleeping, eating and playing piano.

All of the Her...d's new recruits agree on two things. They think Her...d practices are more intense than those they experienced in high school.

"Right now practice is not too bad but the first few days were very tough," Ullom said.

"There is a lot more running and contact in adjusting to Judy's program," Shepherd said.

Hanshaw said Southard wants intensity in practice and doesn't want her players to go through the motions.



# Rap

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**WINLEY:** I think that we're all gearing ourselves up for that. If that man can go out there and put out 100, 110 percent effort as his body is capable of giving and the next guy can come out and do the same, then that's what a team is all about. Working together and not having to worry about an attitude problem.

**AMENDOLA:** I don't know if there will be mass substitutions but we will all have a role. I think I'll get to play against zones. I'll try to be a zonebuster.

**NELSON:** I can only take what Coach Huckabay is saying. He says all 14 are going to play, all 14 are going to contribute.

**TURNNEY:** Oh yeah. He says he's going to play 14 and we all believe him. And everybody knows there is enough ability that if Huckabay subs a person in they can play just as well the person before them. I think we have the most talent of any team in the conference, overall.

I've heard that in Huckabay's system there is no way five players can last the whole game.

**HENRY:** Like Sam said we'll go out there and play 100 percent and the way we plan on playing pressure defense there's just no way anybody can stay out there continuously for 20 or 30 minutes; I just don't see it happening.

Where does a Marshall basketball player go out for socialization?

**WINLEY:** It depends on what the team has planned, it varies from Span-

key's to The Hole to the movies to a party or something.

Do you guys have time to socialize with young ladies?

**WINLEY:** Hey, we aren't a bunch of faggots. We don't have time but we make time. You can't hide the fact that we are men.

**RICHARDSON:** You have time but only so little time. We have so many appointments to make. With the season coming up we will be on the road a lot. You can have a nice social life but it is going to be limited.

Are the women good looking here in Huntington?

**WINLEY:** Yeah, I think so.

**RICHARDSON:** There are some good-looking women out here. I think they need to recruit a little more.

**NELSON:** There are some fine-looking ladies around here but there just ain't enough of them.

What's it like playing basketball in Huntington?

**NELSON:** If it weren't for basketball I wouldn't be here. The people here are real nice and the atmosphere is pretty good but I think I'd rather be at home, where there are more activities.

**RICHARDSON:** I'm a country boy, so it doesn't much matter to me. I think Huntington is a nice place.

**WINLEY:** For me it's a lot different. I make the comparison of New York to Huntington and it's a lot different. There are good points and bad points.

Like the crowd, sometimes there is a tendency to boo the team instead of picking them up at the low point. Sometimes if you have had a bad performance up to halftime the crowd can bring you back into the game. The crowd can have a lot to do with it.

**TURNNEY:** If your winning the crowd is great; if you're not, well it's different. You can take that from the football team.

How much do you hear the boos?

**WINLEY:** We don't really realize it until it is like the end of the game or at halftime. It's not something you deal with while you're playing ball. It's not something you should be concentrating on.

**TURNNEY:** I always try to psyche it out of my mind. After the game people tell me what people around them are saying. Like my mom and dad will sit down there and nobody knows who they are and they tell me what they hear. I remember one time when I missed an outside shot and some guy said 'What are you doing shooting out there you can't even shoot in the paint.' Dad told me that and I just laughed. If the crowd is cheering and you're doing good it gets you pumped up.

What about the cheers? Does that pump you up any?

**WINLEY:** The student section pumps us up. They get into it very good. The section on one side is really relaxed, down-to-earth and just more-less observing the game. And on one side are the students really going out for it, really working up some sweat and all having sore throats.

**NELSON:** We want the fans to be out there so we can celebrate together. Especially when we beat WVU. I know they will be there then.

Are you all looking forward to the trip to Las Vegas to play Georgetown?

**WINLEY:** Not only to play Georgetown but going to Vegas is an experience in itself.

Playing against team like that Georgetown can make some good things happen.

**TURNNEY:** Yeah, I think when you play against someone better than you you always get psyched up. If you play against someone who's better than you brings out the best in you.

What other college teams do you enjoy watching? Which would you like to play, maybe Louisville?

**WINLEY:** Just about all of them. Anybody dreams of playing against teams like that. Like we are going Georgetown. That's a nationally ranked team and we like playing against the top quality teams. It lets you see how good you are, as a team and individuals.

**NELSON:** I'd love to go to the NCAA championship. If I make it to the Final Four I'd be the junk when I go home.

**RICHARDSON:** Yeah, I'd love to be seen back in Mississippi. I think there are lot of fans back there would love to see me slam on in Sam Bowie's face in the Final Four.

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# Karen Pelphrey: hottest shot around town



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Her...d forward Karen Pelphrey could light the scoreboard up with her shooting at Johnson Central High in Paintsville and is doing so as a member of Judy Southard's team. The sophomore, in her first collegiate game, pumped in 36 points.

By Tom Alulse  
Sports Editor

Her...d coach Judy Southard said Karen Pelphrey is a player in route to rewriting the record books.

Along the way the sophomore from Paintsville, Ky., who averaged 20.1 points per game her freshman season to lead the team, will have the scorekeepers rewriting the scorebooks.

The 6-foot-1 Pelphrey, who scored 36 points in her first collegiate game and was among the top 50 Division I scorers in the nation, is a "great player," Southard said.

"She became a complete player toward the end of the season as she became more conscientious on the defensive end of the floor," she said. "Her pre-season performance this year was awesome."

Pelphrey was awesome in high school where she managed to write her own chapter in Johnson Central High's record books.

She averaged 36 points a game and on one occasion scored 50 points in a single game. Pelphrey was quick to add, however, there's a substantial difference between high school and college basketball.

"In high school I didn't have to play any defense," she said. "College is a lot different; you have to play both ends of the floor. The players are a lot better too. Everybody is good, whereas in high school usually each team had only one good player. You really have to fight for a starting position on the college level."

Pelphrey, who was the Her...d's second leading rebounder, missed four games early last season due to injuries, but rebounded to score over 20 points in 13 different games, including a stretch of four consecutive 20-point contests. She also broke the Marshall record with 538 field goal attempts and 261 made.

Pelphrey said she needs to work on her defense this season and shot selection.

"I forced some shots last season from the outside which I shouldn't have," she said. "I need to concentrate on shooting better percentage shots this season."

"The coach wants me to get more rebounds also this season and improve in the area of defense. This summer I thought a lot more about defense instead of just shooting."

Pelphrey thought a lot about shooting as a sixth grader when she first picked up a basketball and began shooting two-handed shots.

"I shot pretty well with two hands but as time went on I was able to adjust and shoot normally."

"I watched a lot of basketball games on TV and shot everytime I had a free minute."

Pelphrey said the Southern Conference would be tough this season but the Her...d will benefit from the 12 games it will play before it begins league play.

"The first part of the schedule is not as tough as to was last year," she said. "Plus we're more experienced and will have time to improve over those 12 games we play."

Agnes Wheeler holds the record for most points scored in a season with 1,154. She set the record from 1974-78.

If Pelphrey continues on her current pace she'll finish her career with 2,332 points, easily outdistancing Wheeler.

"As far as records go, I don't really think about it that much," Pelphrey said. "I'm concerned about winning games. I hope I can set some more records but I'm not worrying about it."

Pelphrey's teammate Karla May is Marshall's record holder in assists in a single season (215) and game (17).

## Tickets

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whose last names begin with A-F, Nov. 29 for last names G-M and Nov. 30 for last names N-Z.

Tickets for Ohio Wesleyan (Dec. 13), Cincinnati (Dec. 22), Charleston (Jan. 3) and VMI (Jan. 11) may be picked up Dec. 5-8.

Tickets for UT-Chattanooga (Jan.

14) and Furman (Jan. 16) may be picked up Jan. 9-12.

Tickets for East Tennessee (Jan. 21), Western Carolina (Jan. 28) and Marquette (Feb. 1) may be picked up Jan. 16-19.

Tickets for Davidson (Feb. 11), Appalachian State (Feb. 13) and The Citadel (Feb. 18) may be picked up Feb. 6-9.

## MU-WVU

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Morris said. "I'm going to take it just one game at a time, and when it's time to play them, I'll play them. I'm really excited about it, though. Hey, bring 'em on, we'll be ready."

They aren't the only ones who'll be ready. Some students have researched Gale Catlett's family tree so they'll have good material to yell at him on December 3. Sayings

like "The Mountaineers eat quiche" and "Wax them 'Eers" have been heard around campus.

The cheering for the Gold and Blue is officially over. The "Beast of the East" has become the "Least of the East." The "IAM4WV" license plates have come off, and the question of "WV WHO?" abounds.

I just have one more thing to add. Thank God, we're not going to play them in football. Let's go Huck's Herd.

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## Jones keeps options open

## Former MU star takes aim at pro career

By Bill Durstein  
Staff Writer

The evening newscast of last June caught former MU basketball player Charles Jones by surprise.

The top sports story that night was the drafting of Jones by the National Basketball Association's New York Knicks.

"I was taken totally by surprise," the 6-8 center said. "I thought I did not have the type of senior year that earned my being picked in the draft."

Taken in the ninth round, Jones said he was a counselor at a basketball camp at the time, and the Knicks were unable to contact him after his selection.

"The first time I heard about it was on television at camp," Jones said. "All the campers went crazy and I just could not believe it."

The Knicks did get in touch with his mother back home in Stuart, Fla. "My mother was very glad that it happened," he said.

Mrs. Jones, you will remember, sang the national anthem two years ago in MU's emotional win over West Virginia University.

"That meant a lot to me," Jones said. "It was the first and only time she saw me play. The team responded well."

Jones, who is back in school and will complete the requirements for his degree in May, finished his career at Marshall with many personal marks.

Charlie, as he is known to most, set the Marshall career record of 55.55 shooting percentage from the floor, just squeezing past Ken Labonowski who had a 55.35 percentage during his career.

Last year's team leader in dunks, Jones also finished 11th in Marshall career rebounding. He collected 635 in his four years to place just one ahead of George Washington.

"I was happy with my career at Marshall, although I am sorry we never made the NCAA tournament," Jones said. "In high school I was a pretty good shot so I knew I could break the shooting record."

After his selection in the draft Jones had just one month to prepare himself for the higher level of competition in the Knicks rookie camp.

"I went to camp in Princeton, N.J., and it took me a few days to adjust to the level of play," he said. "I played with All-Americans like Darryl Walker (Arkansas) and Dwight Anderson (USC)."

Jones was the next to last player cut in the rookie camp and felt the Knicks were fair about everything.

"They were straight forward in telling me what type of player they were looking for," Jones said. "I think the trouble I had the first couple of days was the reason they cut me."

Two options remain open to Jones in the future; one is basketball and the other is business.

"I might try pro ball again if I get the opportunity, especially in Europe," Jones said. "If not I will take my degree and find a job in marketing."

Coach Rick Huckabay is also helping Jones in his efforts to play professionally.

"Coach is talking to the Yugoslavs, who are bringing a pro scout with them," Jones said. "He will see my films and then I guess I will have to wait and see."

For now Charlie Jones is staying in shape and studying, as well as waiting, for his next surprise.



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Basketball still remains an option in Charlie Jones future, but right now he has returned to campus to get a degree hoping to "tip" the future his way. Here, Jones skys to lay one in the hoop.

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 FIELD GOALS: 10, LaVerne Evans vs. WVU, Davidson, Western Carolina;  
 Charles Jones vs. VMI;  
 Rod Nelson vs. CCNY.  
 FIELD GOAL ATT.: 19, LaVerne Evans vs. Texas A&M.  
 FIELD GOAL %: 10-11, 90.9%, Rod Nelson vs. CCNY.  
 FREE THROWS: 9, Rod Nelson vs. Appalachian State; LaVerne Evans vs. W. Carolina.  
 FREE THROWS ATT.: 12, David Wade vs. Western Carolina.  
 FREE THROW %: 9-9, 100%, Rod Nelson vs. Appalachian State.

## MARSHALL HIGHS AND LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS:	113 vs. CCNY	60 vs. Texas A&M, Furman
(One half):	62 vs. CCNY	22 vs. Charleston
REBOUNDS:	62 vs. CCNY	27 vs. Furman
ASSISTS:	28 vs. CCNY	4 vs. Stetson
FIELD GOALS:	52 vs. CCNY	22 vs. Texas A&M
FIELD GOAL ATT.:	89 vs. CCNY	58 vs. Davidson
FIELD GOAL %:	58.4 vs. CCNY	30.6 vs. Texas A&M
FREE THROWS:	31 vs. Appalachian St.	6 vs. ETSU, Furman
FREE THROW ATT.:	47 vs. Appalachian St.	10 vs. ETSU
FREE THROW %:	85.3 vs. VMI	40.0 vs. Furman
PERSONAL FOULS:	37 vs. ETSU	13 vs. Charleston
TURNOVERS:	22 vs. Cincinnati	4 vs. Furman
STEALS:	19 vs. Furman	2 vs. Cincinnati, Davidson

## OPPONENTS' HIGHS AND LOWS

	HIGHS	LOWS
POINTS:	95, WVU	50, Charleston
(One half):	53, WVU	18, CCNY
REBOUNDS:	51, Texas A&M	27, UT-Chattanooga
FIELD GOALS:	41, WVU	19, CCNY
FIELD GOAL ATT.:	75, Marquette	46, Appalachian State
FIELD GOAL %:	57.1, ETSU	32.2, CCNY
FREE THROWS:	31, ETSU	2, Charleston
FREE THOW ATT.:	50, VMI	8, UT-Chattanooga
FREE THROW %:	84.8, Cincinnati	20.0 Charleston
PERSONAL FOULS:	36, Western Carolina	13, CCNY
TURNOVERS:	29, VMI	6, Cincinnati
	Appalachian State	
STEALS:	14, UT-Chattanooga	0, Davidson

## Pep band's music for all; provides fun atmosphere

By Cindy Bower  
Staff Writer

Their job is to rouse the home crowd; to psych the basketball team; and to provide a fun, cheerful atmosphere. They are members of the Pep Band.

The Pep Band plays at home basketball games, said Dr. W. Richard Lemke, band director and assistant professor, Music.

"Band members volunteer for the Pep Band," Lemke said, "then assignments are made, based upon ability."

There are 60-65 members in this basketball band, Lemke said, "and we try to use everyone who wants to play, because everyone can't make every game."

He said the band does not play at away games because it is too expensive

to transport all the members and there is usually limited space.

The Pep Band is primarily there for the team, Lemke said, "and we try to make it a fun group."

"They play lighter music, like Top 10 hits, and of course the school fight song and some musical cheers."

A member of the band starting his third year, David A. O'Neal, Hurricane junior, said he felt it was definitely worth the effort to perform at the games.

"The crowd seems to enjoy it; it seems to get them involved in the game," he said, "and it is really fun for us too."

O'Neal, who plays the French horn, said the band performs pop and jazz tunes, and said that he feels it really helps both the crowd and the team.

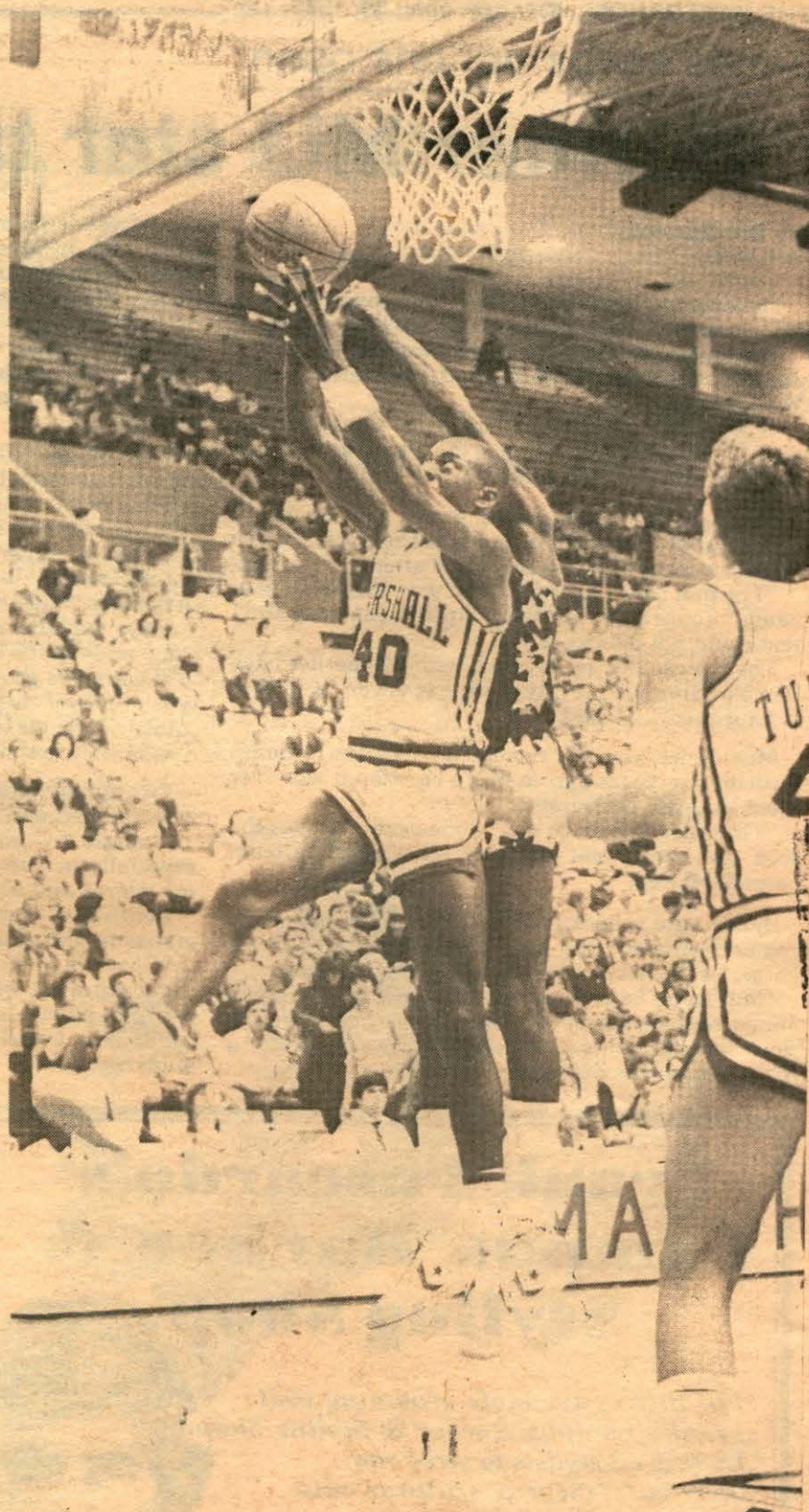


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James "Skeeter" Roberts played in 25 games last season for the Herd and has increased his vertical jump to 30 inches during pre-season conditioning. His strength under the boards will be vital for the Herd this season.

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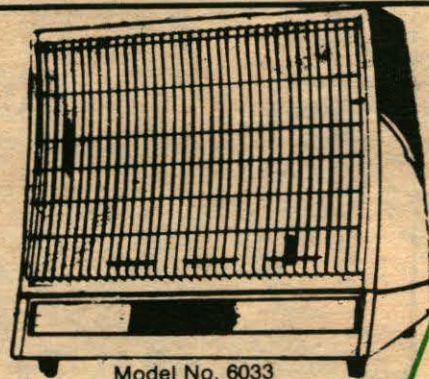
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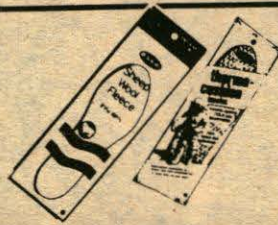
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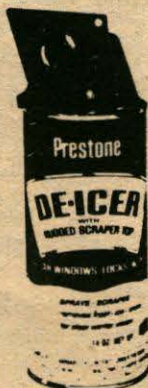
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